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Murphy breaks down funding for 4-H program

BY AMY CHAPMAN

At last month's SAD 44 School Board meeting, Bethel Director Tim Carter requested a detailed accounting of the source of the estimated \$200,000 cost of implementing the 9th Grade/4-H Camp collaboration.

The new program, which has a goal of basing Telstar ninth-graders at the camp in Bryant Pond, has come under scrutiny and criticism from some since it was announced earlier this summer.

Supt. David Murphy told the board at Monday's meeting that he expects to reduce the first-year cost of the program to about \$175,000 by not hiring a full-time program director until De-

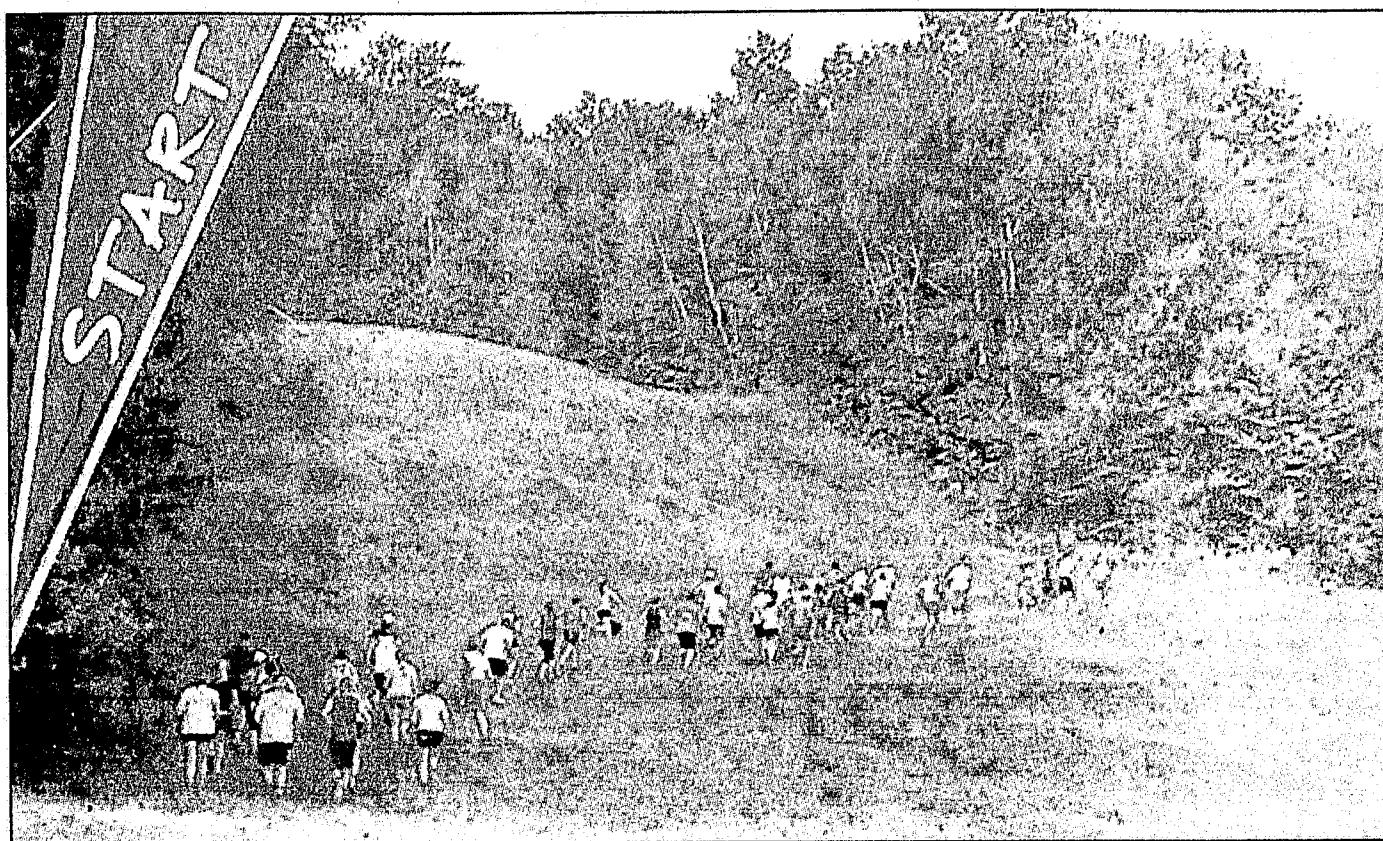
cember. The director will be a school district, rather than 4-H, position, and will be paid on an hourly basis to start.

Approximately \$145,000 of that amount will come from the personnel budget, through reductions in salaries and benefits due to the replacement of several long-term staff members this year.

Another \$10,000 will come from the Telstar Secondary Learning Alternatives budget, which funds such programs as Telstar's collaboration with Central Maine Community College and slots for Telstar students in Maine's virtual charter high school.

A secretarial position at

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ASCENDING MT. ABRAM-The first annual Mt. Abram Ascent, a four-mile running competition up Mt. Abram in Greenwood, drew about 45 participants Saturday. They are shown here starting the race. The event was sponsored by Baxter Outdoors. The overall winner was Leslie Beckwith, with Scott Bottomley placing second overall and first for men. For complete results go to <http://www.baxteroutdoors.com/results.html>.

Baxter Outdoors

Mark Kenney new TMS dean

BY AMY CHAPMAN

The SAD 44 School Board unanimously approved the nomination of Mark Kenney as dean of students at Telstar Middle School for the current school year.

Kenney has taught in the district for 16 years, starting at Crescent Park School in 1998. Since 2002, he has taught mathematics at Telstar Middle School, where he has also coached soccer, basketball, and softball.

Superintendent David Murphy told the board at last month's meeting that he had received approval from Maine Schools for Excellence, which administers the state's Teacher Incentive Fund grants from the U.S. Dept. of Education, to use funding from SAD 44's TIF4 grant to reclassify the middle school principal position as a principal/educator effectiveness coach.

That change will allow TMS Principal Clark Rafford to devote more of his time to training and assisting the district's five new administrators with the

staff evaluation process adopted under the grant.

It also permits district personnel funds previously designated for Rafford's position to be put toward a full-time middle school dean. Savings of about \$10,000 in the personnel budget, due to a reduction in administrative salaries, will make up the remainder of the cost of the new position.

Kenney earned a master's degree in school administration from St. Joseph's College. He is certified to be either an assistant principal/dean or a principal.

Murphy said the district will immediately begin to advertise for a middle school math teacher to replace Kenney in that capacity.

"We will put together a plan to provide that transition effectively," he said.

New POS system for food service

The board approved the purchase of an electronic point of sale (POS) system by the school nutrition pro-

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Greenwood to ban dogs at 'dog park'

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen decided last week to put up a "No Dogs Allowed" sign at what is apparently known as the "Greenwood Dog Park" on Howe Hill Road. The area is actually a fenced-in playground next to the town ball field.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said it came to her

attention after a child was reportedly bitten by a dog in the playground area.

"Because it's contained, people love to go up there and let their dogs off the leash and let them run," Sparks said.

"If you let dogs loose

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\$157,000 in private funds reportedly pledged toward Andover withdrawal

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Andover's largest taxpayers have pledged a total of \$150,000 toward startup costs for a new Andover school system, should the town vote Sept. 24 to withdraw from SAD 44, according to an Andover resident who served on a past Andover withdrawal committee.

David Percival said at a public hearing on the withdrawal issue Tuesday he had talked with several large taxpayers who made the pledge, he said, in order to help ensure more local control over education-

al costs.

A current committee member, Sharon Hutchins, said she has gathered another \$7,000 in pledges for startup costs.

More than \$200,000 is estimated to be needed to fund the start of a new school system, if a 2/3 majority of people voting approve it.

About 45 people turned out Tuesday for the first of two public hearings ahead of the Sept. 24 vote to discuss the withdrawal plan, which is very similar to one that failed to pass, narrowly, in January. The plan outlined educating

the town's approximately 90 students by keeping K-5 at the Andover Elementary School and tuitioning the others to area middle and high schools.

As in past discussions, costs, local control, quality of education and whether Newry might withdraw from SAD 44 were primary concerns of residents.

This time, however, the discussion took place for the first time since Newry has actually set its own vote on whether to form a withdrawal committee and craft a plan for residents to vote on. The date for that

vote is the same as Andover's vote.

There was much debate and speculation Tuesday on the financial impact of a Newry withdrawal on SAD 44, but no clear answers. The town currently pays about \$2.8 million of the \$10 million district budget.

The Withdrawal Committee said the rough estimate for what Andover would need to raise to support its own school system in the first year is about \$1 million. But, they added, when the first Withdrawal

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West Paris Library celebrates Maine's forest heritage

BY AMY CHAPMAN

For nearly a year, the Arthur L. Mann Library in West Paris has been celebrating every aspect of the Maine woods, offering programs to promote awareness of our forests' historic and ongoing role in industry, recreation, art, and literature.

Snowshoeing on local trails, exhibits of paintings and photographs, and free evening events with a professional forester and an author of historical books about the Maine woods have all been included in the library's special programming.

The events are part of a year-long initiative called "Celebrate the Maine Woods!" which was launched last year by the nonprofit Maine Woods Forever.

The Celebrate the Maine Woods! website encourages collaboration among educators, artists, writers, historians, conservationists, and those affiliated with the rec-

reation and wood products industry, in order to "deepen the understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of Maine's forests and woodlands for all their uses and values."

The Maine State Library urged public libraries in Maine to become active participants in the Celebrate the Maine Woods! program, and, especially, to work with schools to increase students' awareness of the role the forests play in Maine's history and culture.

Although there was no public funding available to support participation, Patty Makley, librarian at West Paris, stepped up to the challenge.

With help from the Friends of West Paris Library, Makley organized a committee with representation from the library, the Agnes Gray Elementary School, the West Paris Historical Society, and the Maurice G. Benson Forest, a 182-acre managed parcel protected under a conservation easement donated by

the Benson family.

Together, the group planned activities and events throughout the year, including a snowshoeing program at the school that was open to the public, using equipment loaned by the Western Foot-hills Land Trust.

The Friends of West Paris Library purchased a community pass to the Maine Wildlife Park in Gray. It entitles library patrons and their families to a deep dis-

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Letters

GET THE FLUORIDE OUT

To the Editor:

Let's talk about fluoride in Bethel's water. Two recent articles in The Bethel Citizen emphasized the polarization of opinions on the fluoridation of our water supply. In the first article, "Bethel Fluoride Vote Postponed," it's clear that the Bethel selectmen are trying to do the right thing by not acting too hastily and giving both sides a chance to air their views.

In the second article, "Dentist Defends Fluoride in Water," this is the one everyone should have read more closely. With all due respect to Dr. Convey, DDS, he's totally missing the point. He's focused on better dental health but should be focused on the health of the entire being. His comment, "The water supply reaches everybody," is exactly why we shouldn't be adding a poison into our water.

People need to understand that the fluoride dumped in the water is not pharmaceutical grade but a toxic industrial waste product. And it's true what Sarah Lane says - the bags of fluoride dumped in our water are marked POISON! If you believe that fluoride really does help create better dental health, then, by all means, apply it, ingest it, or whatever - but don't force it down the throats of Bethel citizens who don't want the poison.

It doesn't make any sense to dump a poison into our water when different people drink various amounts of water daily. The more you drink because you believe that drinking water is healthy for you - and it is - the more of the fluoride poison you are ingesting. And what about our children and grandchildren whose tolerance for fluoride may be much lower because of body weight?

Dr. Convey said, "There are plenty of poisons in our environment that we are exposed to daily..." I totally agree with him and I, for one, do not want one more poison added to the list that I may be exposed to.

Carmine Castaldo
Bethel

BAKE A PIE

To the Editor:

It's time to get in the Bethel Harvestfest, chowdah cook-off and apple pie contest spirit. Save the date and plan to enjoy the event on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Everyone can get in on the fun by baking their favorite apple pie or pies. Professional and home bakers are welcome - traditional and non-traditional pies will be judged and a gift certificate for the Good Food Store will go to the judges' choices. New this year will be trophies and ribbons! Feel free to let us know if you would like to enter a pie or pies, or just bring them to the Bethel Common before 11 a.m. and deliver them to the apple pie tent.

Everyone who takes the time to bake pies will be acknowledged in the event follow-up thank you letter.

The area will be adorned in the harvest spirit with cornstalks, ribbons, pumpkins, and scarecrows. Join with us, get in the spirit, and build a whimsical scarecrow - the theme is "Vacationland in the Fall." For a full calendar of events, see www.bethelharvestfest.com.

Rene McGrew
Event co-chair and apple pie contest coordinator

TRUST 'OUR' WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS?

To the Editor:

When I first saw this sign in reference to the upcoming bear referendum question I felt irritated because it's precisely this kind of statement that distorts truth by playing into people's belief systems. In our culture we have been taught to trust the "experts" especially when it comes to science.

I assume the word "our" biologists is a reference to state biologists who work for the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife?

Why would we trust a state organization that is clearly biased; one that supports inhumane practices of killing animals, in this case bears? I certainly wouldn't.

I am struck by the fact that these same biologists who warn folks not to feed bears because they are dangerous (inciting unrealistic fear in humans), support feeding bears masses of junk food (baiting) when it comes to killing them. This practice habituates bears to bait sites and people.

How many people know that black bears in their present form evolved as a prey animal during the last ice age? Black bears survived because they were wary and could climb trees to escape their predators. How many people are aware that the fear of black bears has been deliberately exaggerated? In reality a person has a million to one chance of being killed by a black bear.

I feel fortunate to have learned to question authority on every level; to think for myself. One thing I have discovered and hope to pass on is that the experts are often wrong.

Sara Wright
Woodstock

WOODSTOCK HONOR ROLL CONFUSION

To the Editor:

I am very confused. At the 2009 Town Meeting it was voted to allow the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 raise money and place additional monuments to honor town military members.

In early 2012 the selectmen set the criteria for inclusion of names on the additional monument. They are: 1) Must have been a member of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marines (in WWII); 2) During war or peacetime; 3) Entered the military while living in Woodstock; 4) Buried in Woodstock; or 5) Lived in Woodstock at any time during their lifetime.

At the town meeting in 2012, the residents voted to raise \$6,000 to help fund the monument. Through several projects, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUCVW) have over \$5,000 for this project. To date the granite has been purchased and the names are ready to be engraved.

Last month an article in the Citizen stated that "The board also heard some suggestions for setting criteria for inclusion on the Veterans' Monument. Town Manager Vern Maxwell will find the minutes for the original vote setting up the monument and report back."

At the Aug. 19, 2014 Selectmen's meeting, ONE citizen voiced his concerns that names were going to be placed on a Veterans' Honor Roll who should not be on it. He stated that Merchant Marines are not part of the military, so should not be included. (The notes for the 2012 meeting that included the criteria were not read.)

Information was presented that was found on the Internet:

Merchant Marines during WWII dodged Nazi U-boat torpedoes and Japanese Kamikaze missions while delivering supplies to the US troops. According to the now defunct US War Department, there were more than 250,000 Merchant Marines serving during WWII, of which, about 9,000 were killed or missing in action. More than 5,000 were seriously wounded.

The Merchant Marines Act of 1936 allowed the Merchant Marines to be converted, during wartime, to an auxiliary of the US Navy.

Only in 1988, following a Federal court ruling, were the Merchant Marines given official discharge papers and allowed access to federally administered medical care by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

No action was taken at that Aug. 19 meeting as the selectmen wanted time to think about and discuss the issue.

At the Sept. 2 Selectmen's Meeting, it seems that there was a lot of discussing between the selectmen and the ONE citizen. The Sun-Journal reported remarks by a selectman: "Our current monument says 'Roll of Honor, Wartime Veterans.'" He therefore proposed changing the title (of the expansion monument) to "served in war and conflict." "The reasoning is that the government never declared war against Vietnam in the 1960s and 1970s and that Operation Desert Storm was not an official war." With the name change it was also suggested that the expansion monument be placed on "a different piece of land so people wouldn't be confused."

The point of the expansion monument is to honor veterans who were not included on the original monument.

Again, no decision was made, but it was suggested that the selectmen, the ONE citizen and members of the Daughters of Union Veterans will confer. At the time of this writing, no meeting time has been suggested/set.

All Woodstock citizens are encouraged to write or call the selectmen Rick Young, Ron Deegan and Steve Bies with your input. NO veteran should be denied!

Sally Sawyer
Concerned Woodstock citizen and Patriotic instructor, DUCVW

SUPPORT CALLIE PECUNIES

To the Editor:

I'm supporting Callie Pecunies for State Representative because she has the energy, vision and attitude to stand strong in Augusta and work hard for a positive future. Her heart is for the people - to listen and help. It seems like it's time for a change in Augusta. A young, accomplished, dedicated community supporter like Callie is just the kind of representation we all need.

She has an understanding for the different generations in our communities, and is keen to compromise. Please do what you can to find out more about Callie Pecunies online, through Facebook, or keep an eye out for articles in the paper. Be prepared for some canvassing and phone calls as well!

Maisey Griffin
Bethel

CROP WALK COMING

To the Editor:

The West Parish Congregational Church is sponsoring a CROP Walk Sunday, Sept. 21, to raise funds for the interfaith work of Church World Service. Walkers are invited to a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at West Parish Congregational Church. Walkers can gather at 12 noon on Park Street, across from the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The non-denominational effort has walkers gathering pledges and walking a distance of 5K (3 miles) around the village of Bethel. The walk starts going up Broad Street, up Paradise to Evergreen to the end. Then return to Broad Street, right on Mason Street with a stop at the District Exchange, then left down Chapman Street, across to Mechanic Street, and Railroad Street, back to Church Street and the West Parish Congregational Church.

This is the ninth year of the Bethel Area CROP Walk. Throughout the nine years walkers have raised over \$25,000 toward hunger relief globally and locally.

CROP Walks, which stand for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty, are the foundation for the work of Church World Service. Thanks to the many walkers around the country, trained staff can respond to national and international disasters immediately. Church World Service provides assistance to over 80 countries, responding also to the quiet devastation of hunger, poverty, and disease, which might not make the evening news, but shatters lives as surely as a hurricane or Tsunami.

In addition 25 percent of the money raised in Bethel will go to Bethel Food Pantry for its work with hunger relief in Maine.

For more information contact Jane Chandler (357-3524).

Jane Chandler
Bryant Pond

DEAN

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gram for use at Crescent Park School and the Telstar complex.

Food Service Supervisor Jeanne LaPointe told the board that the initial cost will be approximately \$14,000, with annual licensing fees of about \$2,400 thereafter.

The food service program will integrate with the existing Infinite Campus student information system and will automatically be updated whenever student data changes. District Technology Coordinator Peter Kuzyk told board members.

Once the system is fully implemented, parents will be able to make on-line payments through the Infinite Campus website. They can also check their child's balance, and can even see what was purchased for meals and place limits on snack purchases if they wish. The system will also keep track of food allergies.

LaPointe said that besides the benefits of more detailed accounting, one important advantage to a POS system is that it prevents the overt identification of students who receive free and reduced-price meals, since all students will simply use a PIN pad to access their accounts.



New SAD 44 administrators are, from left: Telstar High School Dean of Students Cheryl Lang; Andover Elementary School Teaching Principal Elaine Ferland; Telstar Middle School Dean of Students Mark Kenney; Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, Curriculum, and Special Projects Paula Leavitt; and Telstar High School Principal Ann Bell. A. Chapman

Other business

The Board voted to approve the 2014-2015 District Emergency Plan. Emergency preparedness consultant Scott Parker reported on updates to the plan, including the addition of the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and a schedule for all types of emergency preparedness drills at all schools.

He also highlighted a newly completed reunification plan, which details procedures to be followed in the event of an evacuation to another site.

Curriculum leaders were approved for the 2014-15 school year. The positions carry a stipend of \$550 per

year for each subject area.

At Telstar, curriculum leaders will be Sarah Southam, THS science; David LeClerc, THS social studies; Melissa Poston, THS English language arts; Susan Owens, THS math; Kate Slattery, TMS math and science; Lindsay Luetje, TMS social studies and English language arts.

Elementary school curriculum leaders are Tanya Nicols and Jessica Wilkey, K-5 math (sharing a single stipend); and Tonya Prentice, K-5 science.

Positions for K-5 English language arts and social studies are still open, Murphy said,

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Three long-lost bound volumes documenting more than 90 years of vital records for the town of Mason were rediscovered in the basement of the Oxford County Courthouse.

After 47 years of being housed in Howe's Store on Route 2, the Hanover Post Office moved into a new 80-by-20 foot building just down the road.

Births: Cameron Malcolm Hurd, Hunter Brent Lake, Austin Tyler Thomas.

Deaths: Murry W. Cummings, Marian C. York, Ramah Dane.

20 years ago: Gould Academy began classes with 197 students representing 20 states and 11 countries.

Sisters Jane Cyr and Debbie Luxton opened Jade's beauty salon.

Deaths: Esther P. Fogg Leach, Ruth A. Scribner, Erwin E. Jones, Sr., David H. Marston, Guy P. Butler, Winfield E. Bancroft.

30 years ago: The Bethel Savings Bank opened a branch in the Congress Street Mall in Rumford. Branch Supervisor was Frank Anastasio.

An old-fashioned hymn sing was held at the West Parish Congregational Church. Special guests were the Elderhostel group studying "Rural Music in New England" at Sunday River Inn.

40 years ago: Republican Congressman William Cohen made a campaign appearance in Bethel, speaking to a group of townspeople, students and faculty in Bingham Hall at Gould Academy.

The Newry Mother's Club met at the R.C. Foster School. Officers were elected and a tasting party was enjoyed.

Births: Bryan Douglas Bennett, Joshua Lee Plawlock.

50 years ago: Work on the reconstruction of Mason Street was moving along, and the finish grading was being done.

Douglas Bane left to attend the School of Practical Art in Boston.

Births: Diana Dee Field, Julie Ann Gunther.

Death: Mrs. Elizabeth P. Abbott.

60 years ago: Hurricane Edna arrived in Maine and in a short time did damage estimated at several million dollars. The ferry boat at Rumford Point was damaged badly by high water.

Pleasant Valley Grange met with 12 members and seven guests present. George Gilbert served as master.

Birth: Sudie Marcuse. **Death:** Mrs. Flora G. Newcomb.

70 years ago: Ensign Phyllis Davis was stationed at the Naval Hospital, St. Albans, L.I.N.Y.

Lt. Edmond Vachon recently graduated from Officers Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, was at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

80 years ago: Gov. Bramm was re-elected by 23,000 vote margin.

Gould enrolled 54 new students.

Death: Frederick R. Dyer.

90 years ago: Heavy rains brought considerable damage to this section of Oxford County. Rumford reported damage of \$100,000.

Fred Aubin had a foundation laid for a house on Mason Street.

The Christian Science Church was under construction.

Death: S. Alonzo Wheeler.

100 years ago: The reservoir on Mt. Zirkon for Rumford's water supply was completed. Its storage capacity was figured at 110,000,000 gallons.

Death: Wesley Howe.

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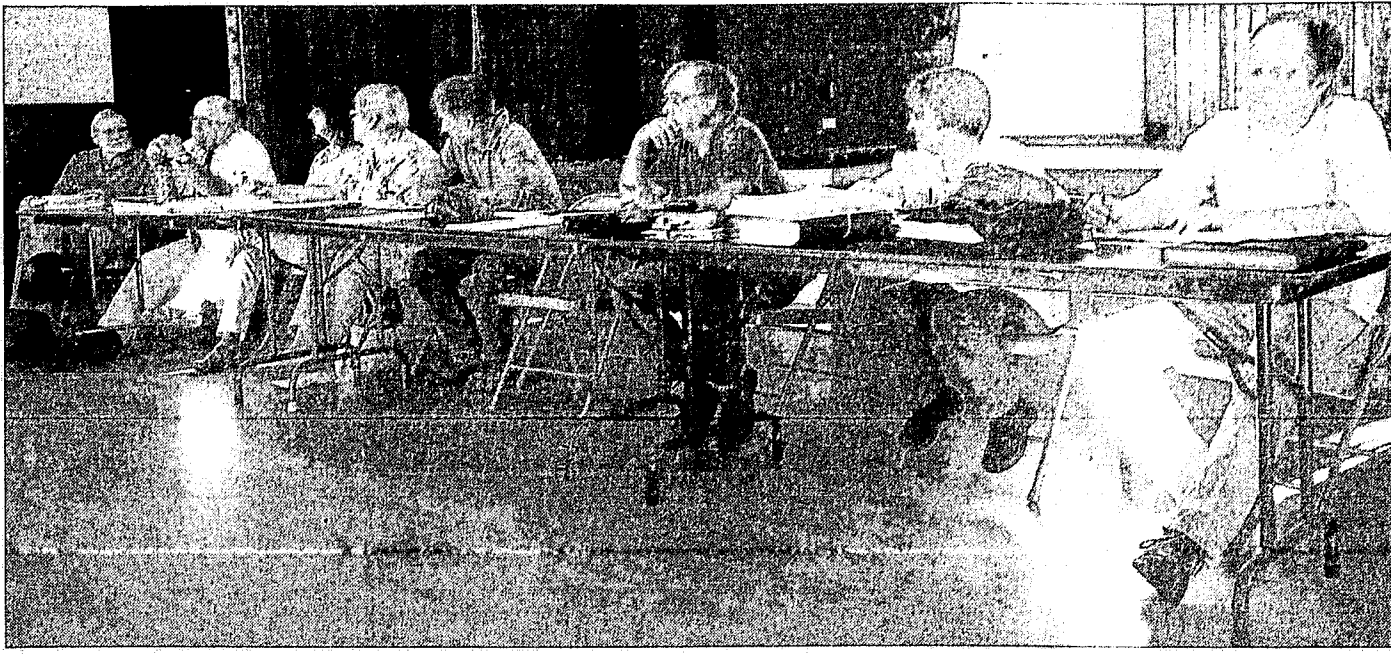
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ANDOVER

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Pete Coolidge, center front, asks a question at Tuesday's withdrawal hearing. Next to him is David Percival, who announced that a group of large taxpayers in Andover have collectively pledged \$150,000 toward startup costs for a new Andover school system, if withdrawal is approved Sept. 24. A. Aloisio



The Andover Withdrawal Committee and selectmen listen as consultant Jack Turcotte answers a question. From left are Steve Hudspeth, Turcotte, committee members Paula Lee, Sharon Hutchins, Tim Akers; selectmen Keith Farrington, Judy Tabb and Jim Adler. A. Aloisio

Committee met two years ago with a state education official, they were told Andover's costs would likely be about the same, if not more, if the town stayed in SAD 44 and Newry withdrew.

This year Andover is paying \$517,778 for its regular share of SAD 44 costs, plus an extra \$180,000 to keep the Andover Elementary School open. Some residents have favored continuing that arrangement and hoping Newry stays, in a scenario they see as the cheapest.

But several people at the hearing said withdrawing would keep control of education and its costs in Andover, particularly for the elementary school. Some, including Pete Coolidge, said that even if the student population there dwindled

enough so AES was no longer viable, at least townspeople would have the final decision on closing it. There are currently about 33 students at AES.

Coolidge added that if he was going to have to pay toward a million dollar cost for a new system, versus paying that amount if Andover stayed in SAD 44 and Newry withdrew, "I'm going to educate [the kids] here in Andover."

Former SAD 44 School Board Chairman Sid Pew noted voters have a say in AES' fate now because they can always vote extra money each year to keep the school open. He also said there would be no local control of the upper grades if they are tuitioned elsewhere.

Dan Wells disagreed, saying parents will have

control through having a choice of several schools for their older students.

Selectman Keith Farrington worried that under a new Andover school system, the only option for the town to control educational costs would be through cutbacks at AES.

Said Farrington, "It bothers me to think of cutbacks on AES. There's going to be a bloodbath that will take place when people see their mil rate jump to about 20. There's going to be a bloodbath at Town Meeting in March, and in June when people try to cut their tax rates back. That's my prediction."

But Steve Hudspeth, an attorney and summer resident who has been advis-

ing the Withdrawal Committee, said he believes the budget figures for an Andover school system "will work."

Andover's educational consultant, Jack Turcotte, was asked how much of its school budget Andover might be able to control.

He said a "wild guess" was about 30 percent, aside from mostly fixed costs. He said a small, locally-controlled school unit might be able to be more creative, for example, in finding ways to lower fuel costs. "The chances of getting a big district to do that for you are not as likely," he said.

Turcotte also said that elementary costs generally are more subject to cutting

because secondary costs are typically more fixed.

He also warned generally about relying too much on financial estimates for a school unit. "It never fails that it's dangerous to start predicting a number ... If you're making this decision based upon specific dollars at the moment, then you're probably making it on the wrong basis for a decision, because those figures won't hold up," he said.

Coolidge asked if the withdrawal vote is successful, how soon Andover would have to start paying for its new school unit. Farrington said a special Town Meeting might be needed to approve a bond to finance

the startup until taxes came in later. Upfront costs would go toward operating a new school board and hiring a superintendent, he said.

That was when Hutchins and Percival made their announcements about the pledges for startup costs, prompting applause.

The hearing concluded after an hour and 15 minutes. Another hearing is scheduled for Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall.

The Sept. 24 referendum vote, in addition to asking residents if they wish to withdraw, also asks whether the town should switch from a three-person school board to a five-person board, if withdrawal is approved.

Thanks to Woodstock, Greenwood won't need ladder truck

BY ALISON ALOISIO AND MATTHEW DAIGLE/SUN MEDIA WIRE

Thanks to Woodstock's decision last week to pursue the purchase of a used ladder truck for its fire department, Greenwood has cancelled a public hearing selectmen recently scheduled to get input on the possibility of that town seeking its own ladder truck to buy.

Last week Woodstock selectmen voted to allow fire Chief Kyle Hopps to check out a used ladder truck in Canton, Mass.

Discussion on the Fire Department's current ladder truck began last month, after Hopps told selectmen repairs were needed to the turntable gears, which allow the ladder's platform to rotate. Selectmen agreed

that no more than \$10,000 would be spent in repairs, though Hopps said he was skeptical about repairing a truck that was over 30 years old.

On Aug. 19, residents overwhelmingly voted against appropriating \$10,000 to repair the truck.

Hopps said he has found a truck with the Canton, Mass., Fire Department, which would cost \$49,900, "a good deal," he said. It is scheduled for a state inspection there soon.

"Some of the other offers we were getting were over \$100,000," Hopps said. "From what I can tell, the truck is in good shape, barring anything popping up during the inspection."

In Greenwood, concerns that Woodstock might not be able to get a truck in the near future prompt-

ed GFD Chief Al Curtis to discuss a possible purchase with that town's selectmen last week.

They initially set a public hearing on the issue for their next regular meeting on Sept. 16.

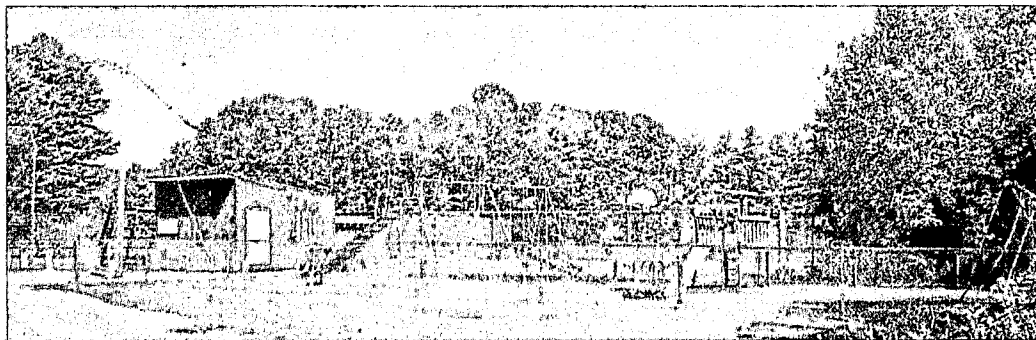
But last Wednesday Sparks talked with Woodstock Town Manager Vern Maxfield and learned of that town's plan.

She said there is no need for both towns to have a ladder truck, and Woodstock would bring its truck to Greenwood, if needed, for a fire call.

Greenwood offers its own 'specialty' equipment, a cascade system, to the regional firefighting effort. The equipment allows individual breathing apparatus, used when firefighters enter a burning building, to be recharged at the fire scene.

DOGS

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NO DOGS-Selectmen plan to place a sign on the enclosed playground next to the ball field on Howe Hill Road banning dogs. Town officials said people had been bringing dogs to the fenced-in area to exercise. A. Aloisio

in there, you're basically asking kids to play in a dog park, which isn't a good situation," said Selectman Amy Chapman.

Selectman Arnie Jordan agreed. "I wouldn't be opposed to not allowing

any dogs in that enclosed area," he said. "It's not that big an area."

Added Chapman, "If they want to get together and campaign for a dog park, I wish them luck. That's not a dog park."

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LIBRARY

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The unique castle-like exterior of the Arthur L. Mann Library in West Paris gives it a look far more ancient than its 88 years. Constructed in the mid-1920s of broken field-stone gathered from West Paris fields and still outfitted with its original oak door and handcrafted iron hinges, it disguises a modern interior equipped with wireless internet access, public computers, and services for printing, photocopying, and faxing, as well as books, magazines, and DVDs available for circulation.

A. Chapman

count on the price of admission when visiting the park, which will remain open for the season until Nov. 11.

In March, forester Don Fee-ney spoke to a full house about managing woodlands and identifying issues that threaten the health of the forest, including invasive species like the Asian longhorn beetle and the hemlock woolly adelgid.

A crowd also turned out in May to hear Dean Bennett discuss his book *Nature and Renewal*, about the Wild River Valley and the lost community of Hastings.

An exhibit of photographs of old-time logging provided by the Bethel Historical Society opened in conjunction with West Paris Old Home Days in June and continues through September. In July, Clifton Jackson narrated a well-attended slide show of the photos.

Upcoming events include a basket-weaving demonstration on Thursday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. by Julie Daye of Norway and Florida. Daye uses the needles of the long leaf pine, growing in the southeastern U.S., to create her unique baskets, which will be on display throughout September.

In October, Auburn artist Michael Everett will display his oil paintings. Everett, who is also a Registered Maine Guide, will give an evening talk at the library on a date to be determined. According to his website, his paintings are "a way to recapture memorable scenes from travels in northern Maine, mostly canoe trips in the region of the Allagash and Saint John Rivers."

The annual "Get Ready for Winter" book sale will be held at the West Paris Histor-



A special collection from the Maine State Library of books about the Maine woods is displayed below photographs of old-time logging from the Bethel Historical Society.

A. Chapman

ical Society, across the street from the library, on October 11 and 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. October 18 will feature a "buck a bag" sale.

Thanks to a loan from the Maine State Library, Makley said the West Paris Library currently has a special collection of about 40 books about the Maine woods available for patrons to borrow throughout the fall. The volumes cover a range of topics, from art and poetry to history and adventure.

The collaborative work in West Paris has not gone unnoticed. When The Maine TREE (Timber Research and Environmental Education) Foundation invited schools to build the theme of "Celebrate the Maine Woods!" into their curricula, the West Paris Library's program was singled out for accolades.

The Maine TREE Foundation's letter encouraged schools to form partnerships with the timber industry and with other local organi-

zations to enrich the educational experience, and added, "One such example is underway in West Paris, where the librarian is involving the nearby elementary school, the historical society, and land trust in a four-way collaboration that has the community buzzing."

Kathleen Jackson of the Friends of West Paris Library said the Celebrate the Maine Woods! committee is still meeting monthly to come up with new ideas to extend the celebration. They hope to make the community snowshoeing program an ongoing winter event and will continue to plan other events to raise awareness about the importance of Maine's forests.

For more information about the Celebrate the Maine Woods! initiative, visit the website, mainewoods-forever.org.

The West Paris Library's website, which lists hours and upcoming events, can be found at westparislibrary.org.

Briefly

BFD saves house

BETHEL-The Bethel Fire Department saved a house on Songo Pond Road that caught on fire last Thursday. The resident had had a fire in his wood stove two days prior, Chief Mike Jodrey said. He woke up at 2:30 Thursday morning to use the bathroom, and the house was full of smoke and the floor and wall beside his bed were on fire," Jodrey said. "We arrived on scene and removed the wall and cut away the burning floor. The house had minimal fire and water damage, but severe smoke damage. We determined there was a chimney fire going between the chimney blocks and the chimney liner below floor level. It finally super heated the floor around it enough to ignite. Fire Marshal Danny Young investigated and came up with the same cause. The chimney was over 40 years old. Another 10 minutes and it would have been fully involved. It had already made its way to the attic when we stopped it. He was very lucky."

Birthday bash for Dickering stars

OXFORD-The History Channel's 'Down East Dickering' stars Tony, Codfish, and Duke will celebrate their September birthdays Sept. 20 at Oxford Plains Speedway. The day starts at 7 a.m. with vendor/display setup in the drag strip area for Flea Market/Swap Meet/Yard Sale/Antique Sale along with a car, motorcycle, and snowmobile show. General admission gates for the car show and flea market open at 9 a.m. The award for best in show will be judged by Tony, Codfish, and Duke. There will also be a chili and barbeque cook-off with trophies. Racing start at 2 p.m. with a Motor Mayhem event including Spectator Drags, Smokey Donut Show, Truck Tug-O-War, and a \$1,000-to-win, 100-lap 4 and 6 cylinder Enduro. After the enduro surviving cars are eligible for the \$500-to-win Demolition Derby. After the Motor Mayhem concludes around 5 p.m. the front stretch of the speedway will open for a Meet & Greet with Tony, Codfish, and Duke. A party with live music will take place from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. For more info go to www.OxfordPlains.com. Raindate Sept. 21.

Retrial scheduled in rape case

PARIS-A jury was expected to be selected this week for the retrial of a former Bethel man convicted of raping a sleeping woman in 2012. Spencer Glover, 32, was sentenced to six years in prison after a jury found him guilty on one count of gross sexual assault in July 2012. That decision was vacated on appeal from Glover's attorney by the Maine Supreme Court last March, after it found the lower court had erred and deprived Glover of his rights. Glover's attorney, Walter McKee, said a two-day trial will begin Sept. 29. According to Sun Journal records of trial testimony, Glover was accused of taking advantage of a woman who had been drinking with other friends at his former home in Bethel. Rather than letting her drive home drunk, he and a friend took her to an upstairs bedroom. Later, Glover allegedly entered the room and had sex with the woman while she was sleeping. The victim testified that she woke up to the assault. Glover testified he and the woman engaged in consensual sex that she initiated, after admitting he lied to the woman and police because he knew he'd face charges and was afraid. During sentencing, the woman also spoke. According to archive records, at the time she said she'd hoped Glover would take a plea deal rather than make her testify about the incident in court. Instead, she said, "he made me sit through a trial with a judge and a jury and my family and made me recount what happened." In its ruling, the Supreme Court found that prosecutors never should have been allowed to enter into evidence Glover's refusal to voluntarily submit to a warrantless DNA test before he was arrested. From there, the court said prosecutors built a theme that Glover lied throughout the trial to discredit his testimony that the sex was consensual. - C. Crosby/Sun Media Wire

MURPHY

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the district's central office is currently open, and Murphy said he is recommending that it be left unfilled and the savings used for the 9th Grade/4-H Camp program.

There is also money in the budget for a full-time business manager that could be used for

the 4-H Camp program instead, Murphy said, but he added that the School Board's Finance Committee is recommending that the business manager position be filled.

He said a total of nearly \$220,000 in funds had been identified that could be allocated to the 9th

Grade/4-H Camp program, more than the estimated cost, "so we may have the ability to go ahead and make some transitions in that business manager position as we work our way through the year."

The board did not discuss Murphy's figures.



The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD

From TWISI archives:

"The days dwindle down to a precious few." That line from an old song sure hits it right on the head as far as summer is concerned. The kids are back in school, Labor Day has come and gone and some of the trees are starting to change color. Apple picking is underway, the night temperatures are dropping and county fairs are starting up. It sure feels and smells like autumn.

What to heck happened to summer? It can't really be ending, I still have watermelon in my fridge! Maybe it's just me, but it seems like summers are not quite as long as they used to be.

In May I made a list of things I wanted to do this summer. The list included various outside chores and projects that should be done and activities I'd like to do. Now that we're into September I have changed the header on the list from "To Do List" to "Wish I Did List."

I wish I had planted all those annuals I bought back in June. I had a great vision of the new flowerbeds I would create and all the blooming color I would enjoy all summer long. My plan was to dig up and create the flowerbeds during my vacation in mid-June, but it rained the entire vacation. I know a little rain wouldn't have hurt me, I certainly wouldn't have melted, but I was sure a sunny day would dawn before vacation ended. Well, it didn't and the next thing I know it's September and I've got a big bunch of dead flowers on my front porch.

I wish I had taken down the Christmas lights from the front porch that now houses the dead flowers. I was going to do that over the Memorial Day week-

end, but something came up...like a good book. I just can't pull myself away from a good book for something as unimportant a removing Christmas lights.

Because the lights were still up when I was thinking about the beds I didn't get ready for the annuals, I had the idea to put window boxes along the front of the porch where there is a string of white lights. That would have been very enchanting, but for some reason I never got around to doing that.

On the plus side, I guess I won't have to worry about putting up the Christmas lights in December.

I wish I had gone to some of the outdoor concerts that take place throughout the summer. I don't have a good excuse for not doing that. Rain was not the issue, but failing memory did play a role. You just can't go to something if you don't remember it until the day after.

If you put "Go to summer concerts" on your "To Do List", it's a good idea to put the dates too. I wish I had thought of that.

I wish I had organized more family cookouts. We did have a nice one on the Fourth of July, but there were several nice week-ends after that when we could have gotten together.

I blame the rest of the family for those events not

happening. I tried, I really did, but whenever I mentioned the idea I found that my children were just too busy planting flowers and working around the outside of their houses. I guess they don't realize that they can put that kind of thing off for later.

I wish I had gone for more walks this summer. Actually, I didn't go for any walks at all. Every time I thought about taking a nice stroll it rained or was too hot or I decided I would be too busy planting flowers that never got planted.

My intentions were really good. It would have been a nice way to combine exercise with some leisure time, but the next thing I knew it was September. I know, I can walk in September too, but now I have to take the time to get rid of those darn dead plants.

I wish I had gone berry picking. I had planned to make a lot of strawberry jam, but that season got away from me. I was going to pick a lot of blueberries and freeze them to use in muffins and pies throughout the winter, but that season was shorter than I expected. I don't even know what happened to raspberry and blackberry seasons. I guess they got away from me too.

It is really amazing how fast the time goes by. Now it's September and before you know it the snow will be falling and the temperatures will be plummeting.

But, September can be a beautiful month and the way I see it, it will be a good month to spend some time sitting on my front porch among the dead flowers and Christmas lights whiling away the hours doing a little wishing.

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Bethel

By DONALD G. BENNETT
Around
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Outward Bound's Newry L.L. Bean Center reported a very busy summer; veterans' programs continued. This year the center participated in a new program sponsored by the Portland based Mitchell Institute. It is part of their "Mitchell Scholarship Program." Mitchell Scholars are disadvantaged teens from (mostly) rural parts of Maine who have been identified as future leaders. With this award, the students will attend college in Maine. At Outward Bound they build relationships, develop leadership skills, and set a tone of mutual support for the next four years.

Two different creatures have turned up at our feeding station. They are a shrew and three flying squirrels. The shrew has its own passageway tunnel where the entrance is covered by a loaf sized rock. The flying squirrels show up at late twilight.

The NABOS building is getting a new roof job. The work is being done by Cliff Harding Roofing.

Community Sports at Philbrook Place is stocked up for back-to-school shopping. Hayley Tanguay, owner of the business since July 2013 showed me her two most asked about items: shin guards and mouth guards. As word got around about the store's consignment plan and stock of used but in good condition items such as cleat shoes her consignment accounts have grown to 90. The used cleated shoes are available for \$15 a pair if you have brought in any size pair of cleated shoes, you get another pair free. Another popular item is sports socks for kids.

Back to Gould weekend seemed to have been good for innkeepers. Sunday morning the Rostay and the Norseman had many cars in their parking lots. At Mountain Greenery it's the season for mums. If you feel like dressing up your home entrance for fall, a pot of mums is a great eye-catcher.

There is a big Sale sign out at Sun Valley Sports where a variety of goods including an antique snowmobile is on display. Maine Sunday Telegram had a special article

Shimamura earns black belt

BY CHERRI CROCKETT

Seth Shimamura was just eight years old when he first discovered his love for karate. Now, at age 23, and after four consecutive, hard-working years of learning the art, he has achieved his black belt status. Sensei Kristin O'Connor is pleased to have her first black belt student, who is also assisting with educating young students.

"I really enjoy the art," said Shimamura. "It's something for me to do and keep my mind occupied. I'm not one to just sit still and do nothing."

Shimamura works 50 hours per week at Hancock Lumber and looks forward to getting to the gym to work on his karate skills as often as he can.

"Going for a black belt is a lot of work, a lot of discipline, but if you want it, you'll watch and learn, and do what's required to achieve it," he said. Shimamura hopes to one day have his own dojo.

Western Maine Budo Arts, LLC has been around since 2011 and is instructed by Kristin O'Connor. They have two locations; the main class is held in Bethel at 32 Parkway at 24/7 Gym, and the second location is the Mexico Rec Center in the old Mexico high



Seth Shimamura and Kristin O'Connor.

school.

Programs include kids' karate classes for ages 6-12 years old at the Bethel dojo only. An adult karate class is also held in Bethel, with another in Mexico. A circuit class is

also held in Bethel only.

For more information, contact Western Maine Budo Arts by emailing bethelkarate@yahoo.com, look them up on Facebook at Bethel Karate or call 381-7474.

about Maine being number two in museums per capita in the US. However, Ellsworth seems to have stolen a march on Woodstock because the article's photo section showed the Ellsworth Telephone Museum.

Seventy years ago, on the site of the NABOS garden, Wallace Warren ran a blacksmith shop. A photo and write-up of Warren's shop made 1981's special edition of the Oxford County Citizen. The story said that at the time Warren's shop is the last of the old time "smithy" shops doing shoeing and general jobbing. In the early '40s I used to watch the "smithing" while riding along in the E.E. Bennett dairy milk truck when a delivery was made at Bryant's Market just across the street.

Milkman - Keep Those Bottles Quiet!
It's been about forty years since dairies made home deliveries in Beth-

el. Until the 1960s when Goodwin's Dairy delivered milk to Bethel homes, only local dairymen served the town. Bethel village's relatively small market place did not attract big names like Hood and Oakhurst.

Bethel's Butter Factory (Bethel Dairying Company) which opened in 1892 gave dairying a big boost. The factory was planned to process cream from 1,000 cows and 500 had to be pledged before construction would begin. So for many years there was plenty of milk available for Bethel families - ei-

ther by going to the nearest dairy farm or by getting daily deliveries.

Limited refrigeration was an important factor for home owners; therefore daily milk deliveries were important. Ice boxes for keeping food cold did not have much space. Even in the '30s and '40s when we lived in Arlington, Mass., near Boston, besides having a small refrigerator we had weekly ice deliveries for an ice box in the back kitchen. And our Hood milkman was delivering milk from a horse drawn milk wagon as late as the early 1940s.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Sept. 2

At 8:41 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman responded to Mayville Road in Bethel for a report of a sex offender having prohibited contact with a child. The Criminal Investigation Division is investigating.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

At 8:04 a.m. the OCSD was able to recover a potential stolen homemade trailer on Intervale Road in Bethel. The owner had not yet been located.

At 11:19 p.m. deputies were advised of a noise complaint on Grover Hill Road in Bethel, but they were out of position.

Thursday, Sept. 4

At 2:39 a.m. Deputy Stephen Witham responded with the Bethel Fire Department to a report of a structure fire on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel.

At 1:47 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious person in the Chapman Street area. Deputy Dave Hodgson was assigned.

At 5:54 p.m. a caller reported finding another trailer on the Intervale Road in Bethel.

Friday, Sept. 5

At 5:44 a.m. Deputy Stephen Witham was advised of a malfunction with railroad crossing lights near Walkers Mills Road in Bethel. The railroad company reported a crew was enroute and it was not causing a traffic hazard.

At 7:48 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland investigated a two-vehicle accident on Route 2 in Gilead. It was property damage only.

At 10:46 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer responded to the Powder Ridge area of Newry for a noise complaint. On arrival, no noise was detected. A wedding had just closed down in the area and all was quiet.

At 11:34 p.m. Deputy Stephen Witham stopped a vehicle on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. The driver, William Pilgrim, 28, was arrested for violation of conditions of release as well as unlawful possession of a Schedule W drug.

Sunday, Sept. 7

At 1:08 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a Bethel residence for a report of a loud party. A disorderly warning was issued.

At 10:16 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of drug activity in the Bethel/Greenwood area. The report was passed on to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Monday, Sept. 8

At 6:46 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney and the Bethel Fire Department responded to a tractor trailer truck on fire on the Mayville Road in Bethel. On arrival the fire was out and no one was injured. The BFD call was cancelled.

At 8:25 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney did a traffic detail on Paradise Road in Bethel.

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In Bethel home deliveries of milk in round quart bottles was the norm at least as early as the beginning of the twentieth century. That meant that each returned bottle whether from homes and later from stores had to be thoroughly washed to be ready for the next day's deliveries.

Dairy farmers had to manage their herd of milking cows to assure keeping up with customer milk needs. When a cow "went dry" the farmer traded her with a cattle dealer for one that was "fresh," that is, producing milk.

Many names make up Bethel's milk delivery honor roll. To name just a few: W.E. Farwell who delivered in the village for 5 cents a quart, Fred Edwards, Ed Barker, Alonzo Chapman was charging 14 cents a quart in 1929 for deliveries from his Mayville dairy; then in my time there was Ernest Buck, Roy Blake and my grandfather, E.E. Bennett, after 1945 our family as Riverside Farms.

Early on fair and equal pricing was handled informally by dairy farmers meeting and agreeing on price. The Depression created a number of problems for the dairy farmer and dealers. In 1935 the Maine Milk Control Law was passed to correct issues such as price wars, payment to farmers for their supplying milk, dealer bankruptcies and the sale of low quality milk. Included in this law was creation of a Maine Milk Commission to arbitrate differences, set minimum prices in designated areas after proper hearings and exercise general supervision over the milk industry (See the Maine.gov website). In the later 1940s at a meeting of Bethel dairy producers and dealers it was voted to have Maine Milk Commission authority extended to cover Bethel area dairying.

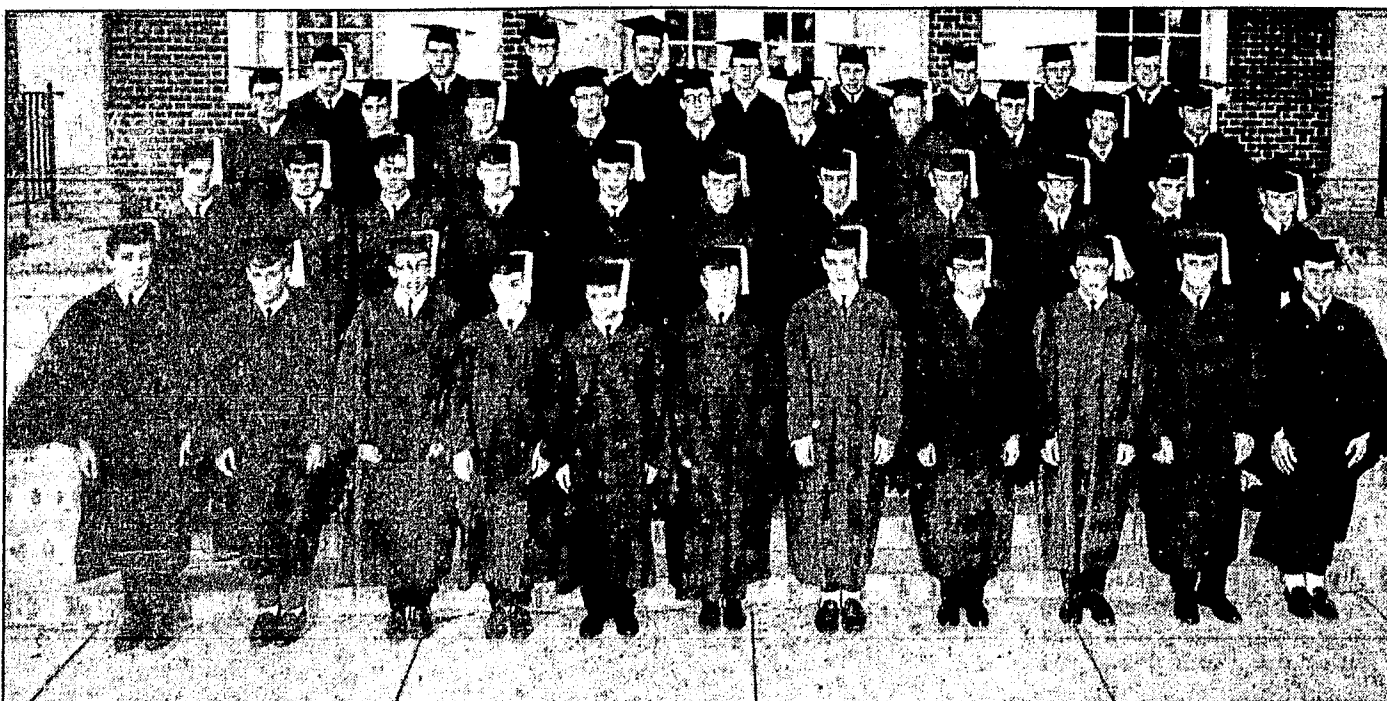
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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Gould Academy Alumni Weekend is coming up Sept. 26 through 28. This is my 45th reunion. I was in the class of 1969. Everyone always thinks that their class was that



CLASS OF 1964

FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Alan Chapman, Jay Chamberlain, Geoffrey Lord, Robert Swain, Phil Burns, Maynard Morgan, Donald E. Young, Richard Jacobs, Peter Hubbard, Tom Hamilton, Donald R. Young. SECOND ROW: Art Hammond, Joel Nichols, Barry Townsend, Steve Bear, Corey Brown, Sam Bartholomew, Donald Bennett, Donald Nowlin, Greg Howe, George Decatur, Tim Ramago. THIRD ROW: Doug Bane, Dave Brewster, Robert Amrein, Paul Imhof, Ed Dudley, Hugh Durgin, Norris Waterhouse, Ralph Jackson, Irving York, Jim Coriveau. FOURTH ROW: Jonathan Stowell, Don LaDieu, Bill McCall, John Ellingwood, Arthur Verrill, John Young, Stuart Twitchell, Dale Stevens, Matt Brooks.

GOULD 50TH REUNION CLASS-Gould Academy's Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th Reunion Sept. 26-28. Registration for this year's Alumni Weekend is open to anyone who completed one year of study at Gould Academy. For more information, please call Marie Aron for details: 207-824-7707.

Courtesy Gould Academy

one unique class, but ours really was. Until September 1968, most Bethel students had always attended Gould. Telstar Regional High School opened in 1968, and most of my class became the first graduating class from Telstar. A few Bethel students remained at Gould and we graduated from there in June 1969. Gould has always welcomed students who attended, but didn't stay to graduate, to come back for reunions. So, if you began your high school career at Gould but graduated from Telstar (or any other high school), please come to the Class of '69 reunion. We're trying to get as many classmates as we can to attend the luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 27. There will be a Class of '69 potluck dinner on Saturday night. Go to www.gouldacademy.org to register for the luncheon.

Gas prices are continuing to go down. On Sunday the average price of a gallon of gas in the United States was \$3.443. As usual, here in Maine, the average price of a gallon was higher than the national; our average was \$3.509. However, if you look around you can find places that slice a few cents off a gallon if you join their club or rewards program; C.N. Brown and Cumberland Farms are examples. Last week

I found a deal I couldn't pass up. The Gulf station on Minot Avenue in Auburn was selling gas for \$3.10 a gallon if you bought a car wash. I can always use a car wash and the ticket was good for 90 days. A few days later the price had risen to \$3.25 (with the car wash); but still better than paying \$3.49, which is the price in Bethel. If you're traveling out of town, check around. It's possible to save a few dollars.

September is lush with harvest celebrations. Maine Apple Sunday is Sept. 14. The Bethel Chowdah Cook-off and Harvestfest is Sept. 20. If you haven't been, you need to go. It's more than just chowder and apple pie (although those are good). Farmers at the Market located on lower Main Street at Café DiCocoa, celebrates the end of its season on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, Sept. 21. Information on these and other September activities is in the Community Calendar.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange hall on Monday night, Sept. 1, for installation of officers. Rumford

Grange and Pleasant Valley Grange were installed also. A 6 p.m. supper was held before the meeting. The Installing Officer was Jeannie Burnham and her staff. Christine Herbert went in as Master of Franklin Grange. Retiring Master, Richard Felt wished her a successful year. Other officers installed were Peggy Blake as overseer, Linda Close as Steward, Peter Hammond as Assistant Steward, Sharon Silver as Chaplain, Laura Hutchins as Secretary and Treasurer, Alice Hoyt as Gate Keeper, Linda Close as Flora, Ruby Bryant as Ceres. Next meeting is Sept. 15.

Whitman Memorial Library's program for September is today, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. Program speaker is Valerie Cole from SeniorsPlus talking about services they offer. There will be a time for questions and answers. Public is invited at no charge with light refreshments.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet at the museum on Saturday, Sept. 13, for a meeting at 6 p.m. Program is by Wayne Howe.

Sympathy is extended to Raymond and Erlene Hoyt and family for the death of their son Mike.

The exercise class meets at the library every Thursday at 9 a.m. New people welcome anytime. This is free.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday eve-

ning at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service, Bloom for girls 13 to 18 and Foundations for guys 15 years and up. Sept. 16 at 9 a.m. is Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions at the parsonage. All ladies invited. Sept. 20 is a church workday starting at 8 a.m.

Looking ahead to Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., the Bryant Pond Baptist Church will be hosting the "Plant and Root" meeting. Come to this special meeting and be blessed.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met at the Masonic Hall for a meeting and dinner by the Star Birthday Club. Next meeting in October is the fall trip with dinner out.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



You may have missed the small political storm that was brewing along Route 26. Someone had posted a campaign sign on MDOT property at the intersection of 26 and Howe Hill Road. State law does not allow political signs to be posted on public spaces until Sept. 23. The sign has been removed. Since it was for a candidate I do not want, it warms my heart. All those signs will be out soon enough.

Dean B. Bennett, who grew up in Locke's Mills, will be performing as well as giving the presentation "In Banjo Time: History and Music of the 4-String Roaring Twenties Banjo" tonight (Sept. 11). This will take place at the Bethel Historical Society after their business meeting which is at 7:30. Let's hope it's a short business meeting. While this is part of their annual meeting, Bennett's program is free

and open to the public.

Bottle gentians, also known as closed gentians, are in bloom. This deep blue wild flower grows in shady damp areas, and the bloom is like a closed bottle. Bees and other pollinators pry apart the petals to crawl inside the blooms. It is an unusual and striking flower that I wait for all summer.

Speaking of blue flowers, have you admired the beautiful blue blossoms at the corner of the Greenwood and Howe Hill Roads? The plant is in front of the telephone pole. Planted three years ago by Esther Fuller, the plant was covered in blooms this year. I noticed quite a few people stopping to admire it. Even caught one person with shovel in hand ready to dig it up. Please don't do that. It is for all of us to enjoy.

While Esther plants flowers to beautify the area, her husband Butch is the one who keeps much of the brush trimmed along the shore at the north end of Round Pond. Right now he is working on thinning the shores along Alder River by the old bridge behind The Local Hub. Neither of them have to do this. They simply want it to look nice. Thank you, both.

That sort of activity is all part of being in a community. Some people pick up trash as they walk along the roads, some help organizations and join committees; some keep an eye on their older neighbors. There are many people in Greenwood who contribute their time to help make this town a community. It is sharing, interacting, knowing each other, and taking pride in our town (even when we don't always agree with what is happening) that makes for community. We are fortunate we are a community.

The cooler nights are making for some beautiful early mornings on our ponds. A layer of fog forms over the still-warm pond water when the cold is colder than the water. The fog slowly burns off as the sun rises, creating soon beautiful, if ephemeral, images that neither a camera nor an artist's brush can do justice to. We can all enjoy it for the moment it is there.

Please send news to staich16@gmail.com.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Our little garden is going by very quickly. This year I started my own tomato plants from seed. I was excited to see some of them were starting to ripen. My excitement disappeared when I went to check on them. Some lovely little "creature" decided that the tomatoes were ripe

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enough and had a snack. Oh well, hopefully, we will get some for ourselves.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the Town Office to say hello last Tuesday evening and do a little town business.

Peter and Claudia Risbara have been in town, this past week, working on their place. Claudia Risbara stopped by the Town Office last Tuesday when Steve was there. I introduced him as the celebrity, "my brother, Steve McLain," that she reads about in this column. We all had a good chuckle over that.

Lise McLain is recovering very nicely from eye surgery. (Glad to hear that.)

Town Office

A representative from John E. O'Donnell Associates was at the Town Office last week to update tax information. This means that they will be getting information to the selectmen so they will be able to commit the 2014 taxes to the Tax Collector, Judy Perrille.

The 30 Day notices for the 2013 Real Estate Taxes will be sent out soon. In order to avoid more late fees, anyone with unpaid 2013 taxes should contact the Tax Collector.

There are some 2012 real estate taxes (in lien) that are still unpaid. These must be paid up before the 2013 taxes can be paid. Please contact the Treasurer, Linsley Chapman. (The Tax Collector and Treasurer are two different offices.)

Gilead Historical Society

The Annual Meeting and Potluck Lunch will be held this Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Gilead Town Hall. Lunch will be around noon, but people are welcome to come early and check out the latest work being done on the schoolhouse. All the buildings will be open at least by 10 a.m. The Potluck Lunch is open to the public, so just bring an item to share. Good food and plenty of it will be available. Beverages will be provided.

There will be a short business meeting after lunch and a program entitled "Ten Years of Great Memories and Accomplishments." This is a PowerPoint presentation of the highlights of the past ten years of the Gilead Historical Society. The GHS has come a long way since 2004 and the end of the Town of Gilead's Bicentennial.

Now, a little update on the schoolhouse: The ceiling and walls inside have been painted and look great! Displays will have to be put back together and there is quite a bit of cleaning to do.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Condolences to the families of Brenda Estes and Robert Martin. Our thoughts and prayers are going out to each family member.

The garage is all set up for band practice, so we are getting together for



STILL TAKING PRODUCE-Rotarian Bud Kulik (left) delivers fresh produce to Dave Bean at the Bethel Area Food Bank from the produce that was donated by community members with gardens and left under the Rotary tent at 60 Elm Street in Bethel. The 'drop off/pick up' produce tent will remain in place until the end of the growing season. It is intended for both the Food Bank and community members who do not have gardens but enjoy fresh produce.

Lynne Kulik

one last practice before the Oxford Fair.

I made a potato salad for a BBQ after practice - hamburgers are all made and ready to go on the grill at 5 p.m. - iced tea, lemonade and ginger ale in the fridge chilling. We are expecting 11 folks to join us. It's a beautiful day for practice and BBQ and fellowship.

Happy fourth anniversary to Jim and Charlene Hoyt.

Had several call me giving me their birth dates.

On my off day I spend it working on homemade gifts. That BIG day will be here before we know it.

Sorry for the short column this week. So many look for my column each week and they let me know it, so I do try to write a little every week.

My readers are so faithful and supporting. Special thanks to each of you.

That's all from the valley this week.

Reminding you to get your flu shot. Stay well and do enjoy this great fall weather.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY

Welcome, Jessica! Hanover's new Post Office clerk began her position late last week. Effective Sept. 6, the new window hours are 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, with mail sorted and ready for pick up by 1:30 p.m. David will continue to work the window hours on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon and mail will be sorted and up by 11 a.m.

With the decrease in window hours, the lobby is now open 24 hours a day so postal customers may access their boxes at their convenience. The Hanover Planning Board met last Wednesday and held its annual election. The members are as follows: John Booth, Chairperson; Mark Bowdoin, Vice Chair; Dimitri Handanos, Robert Fortin and Henrietta List, regular members, with Pete Holloway and John Kutcha as alternates.

The Busy Bees' quilt is now completed and will be on view at the Town Office, "Forest Reflections," depicting Maine's woodland creatures, will be raffled next month at the Library's Celebration of Fall. Tickets are now on sale at the Library or may be purchased through any of the

chased through any of the Library Trustees. Stay tuned for more details on the Celebration scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Got news, comments or questions? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH

By the time you read this, the first public hearing regarding the withdrawal from SAD 44 will have taken place. If you missed it, you have another opportunity this Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. at the Andover Town Hall. Jack Turcotte and Steve Hudspeeth will be attending to answer questions. Every taxpayer in Andover should attend one or both of these hearings so they are clear about what they will be voting for at the special election on Sept. 24. There will be two questions on the ballot. Question 1: Do you want to withdraw? Yes or No. Question 2: If we withdraw do you approve of increasing from 3 to 5 the number of Board Members (as advised) yes or no. If you wish to vote absentee ballot you need to request such a ballot by calling the Town Office at 392-3302. Please note the Andover Withdrawal Committee meets every Thursday at the Library at 5 p.m. Anyone with comments or questions is urged to attend.

You might want to mark your calendars for a couple of upcoming events of interest. The Andover Food Pantry is sponsoring a variety show which has been named "The Sing Your Face Off Contest." This entertaining event will occur on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Congregational Church. On Oct. 11 from 11 to 3 the Andover Historical Society will open their main building on Elm Street as well as the East Andover School House. On Election Day, Nov. 4 there will be a Hunter's Supper at the First Congregational Church with serving to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The Food Pantry wishes

es to thank the Roxbury ATV Club for their generous donations of toys and cash which was made possible by their Christmas in July ATV ride. Their goodness in supplying the pantry with these will enable us to make a lot of children happy at Christmas.

Word has reached me that Pastor Ken Wagstaff will be leaving the Calvary Bible Church. Ken and I have worked together on many local projects including the Alumni Banquet, the Memorial Day Service and several funeral services. His congregation will certainly miss him. He is leaving to take care of his parents and will be missed in the community.

A petition is being circulated stating the displeasure of citizens at the recent awarding of the winter sand bid to someone other than Steve Swasey Excavation. Swasey has been responsible for the replacement of the Crockett Bridge on short notice in an agreement between the State DOT, the Town and Swasey as well as maintaining the approaches to the temporary bridge. Local sentiment runs like this, "Intown firms should receive work for the town especially when a firm has expended itself in behalf of the welfare of the town."

Upton

By JOE BERNIER

The Upton Historical Society met Sunday. It was the last scheduled meeting for the year. The society discussed their need to purchase insurance for their possessions. They decided to next meet Sunday, April 19, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on September 15, 2014 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a Liquor License and Entertainment Permit renewal from Rooster's Roadhouse, located at 159 Mayville Rd. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office or email at info@bethelmaine.org Christen Mason Town Clerk

The Letter B Notch Riders do not plan to have any meetings until April, 2015. However, the work continues. There are still signs that need to be set up and the Black Brook Trail could use a day of excavator work. Time and weather permitting, the club intends to open a loop trail from Popple Dam Road toward Dunn's Notch, across the valley and connect into Whitecap Brook Road.

The local "Sherwood Forest," under the guise of Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, N.H. Fish and Game and other groups, recently purchased control or ownership of more than 31,000 acres of land in the Umbagog Lake area. I believe that the \$17 million plus could have been better spent in this struggling economy.

The Upton Planning Board is scheduled to meet Friday, Sept. 26 at the town office.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Backyard Reflections

By Sara Wright

Toad woman speaks

It was only yesterday morning I saw the first raisin sized toad hopping in between the stones of a rocky woods road. Delighted, I bent down to examine him more closely. I am always amazed at how these diminutive amphibians resemble adults of the same species, Bufo americanus. The markings though varying from toad to toad are patterned in a particular way with large dark spots on a brown, olive or gray background. American toads have a spotted belly and males can be told apart from females because they usually have a darker throat.

The few "warts" (no, people do not get warts

from toads!) are actually skin glands and toads have enlarged kidney shaped glands behind their eyes. Toad skin also contains glands that produce a mild poison to protect them from predators that invariably leave this creature alone after one bitter mouthful. When toads are frightened they can also play dead or inflate their bodies to look bigger than they are. The little fellow I met was pale beige with pale brown bumps on his back and an even lighter underbelly. I knew that toad coloring varied from location to location and this toadlet blended in flawlessly with the dry bumpy road he was crossing. A toad's coloring can also change in response to stress, temperature or humidity.

I have seen some large adults that were almost 4 inches in length (with females usually larger than males) but most toads are much smaller; I have a large pair that live under the porch in the summer and have lived here since I first built my house. They come out to feed just before dusk. Most adults are nocturnal and seek cover under stones, woodpiles etc. if there are no wild gardens like mine to hide in! I keep a water dish full of clear water and I notice that the adults will often congregate around the dish which sits on some crushed stone next to my front door. Toads eat so many insects, snails, grubs and other invertebrates all of which can decimate my gardens, so I am particularly grateful to these creatures who continue to monitor the exploding insect populations every evening at dusk. Because they are coldblooded, toads are slow to awaken in the morning. I can sometimes spot one in a slight depression camouflaged beautifully against

School Lunch

SAD 44 Elementary School Lunch

Sept. 11 through Sept. 19

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Friday: Italian Dunkers or Sun Butter and Fluff with yogurt, Caesar salad, fresh melon.

Monday: Hot dog on a wholegrain bun or Sun Butter and jelly, baked beans, sweet potato fries, fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Ham hoagie or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, green and red pepper strips, chilled peaches.

Wednesday: Beef tacos with cheese and salsa or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, corn, chilled pineapple.

Thursday: Chicken and gravy or Sun Butter and jelly on wholegrain bread, carrot and cabbage slaw, chilled pears.

Friday: Fish and cheese sandwich on a wholegrain roll or Sun Butter and Fluff on wholegrain bread with cheese stick, pickled beets, baby carrots, mixed fruit.

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dirt and stone in my early spring gardens. Occasionally, I will meet one sitting on my granite steps warming in the early morning sun. I like it that I can sit down to observe them closely because I find all toads quite beautiful (Each one is exquisitely patterned and yet utterly unique). However, as soon as the sun heats the step the toads take to the highway, and disappear into the foliage of one of my gardens, or the nearby stone wall where they spend the rest of the day hunting or resting.

In the deep forest I notice that toads are moving about during the cooling tree canopies, and on one recent hike I must have seen a dozen two inch long toads within the span of an hour. This pleases me because we are losing so many of the vernal pools, or semi-permanent bodies of shallow waters in which the toads will gather to breed. With the first warm weather

er (here it is usually late May) the male toads travel to the water and when the air temperature and their body temperatures are just right the males will begin calling, inflating and vibrating their vocal sacs. The male choruses continue both day and night, and it is hard to describe how beautiful that musical trill is unless you've heard it. It is one of the sounds I most look forward to each spring.

After breeding toad eggs are laid in the water in long strings of up to 15,000 eggs. They are hard to find because the strings often sink to the bottom of vernal pools and are covered with silt. The tiny eggs hatch in 3 to 12 days, depending on the water temperature. The small, almost pure black tadpoles swim in tiny schools in shallow waters to avoid predation and feed voraciously on the plants and detritus for one to two months before they grow legs and begin to absorb their tails, transforming

from gill breathing to lung breathing and from herbivores to carnivores. Studies have shown that they have a reciprocal relationship with Chlorogonium algae which makes the tadpoles develop faster.

By early August little tadpoles have left the water and are living on land. However, it will be 2 to 3 years before the toads are ready to reproduce. And when that time comes they will return to the same wetlands as they have for generations. Like all living things toads possess a cultural memory that we cannot comprehend. I can't imagine how a toad might feel as he returned to what was his breeding wetland only to discover that it has been bulldozed in, or paved over with cement.

Based on DNA sequence comparisons it is thought that the North American species (which extends only as far west as South Dakota) descended from an invasion of toads from South America - a fantastic

notion from my point of view!

Evolutionary theory appears to confirm the mythological intuition that toads and frogs (the differences between toads and frogs are not fully understood by science, at this time) originated very early on since fossils have been found that go back 37 million years. When cold weather arrives toads dig backwards and bury themselves in the dirt in the area of their summer homes. Their systems shut down and they survive the cold weather in a state of torpor.

Mythology appears to blur the images of toads and frogs and the terms

are often used in a way to highlight different aspects of one creature. Toads are symbolized as the dark side of nature often associated with sorcery and the like, while frogs are the symbol of fertility. Native Americans hold both the toad and frog in high esteem believing that they bring much needed rain. Indeed, I often notice that just before a thunderstorm I will hear the bell-like trill of the American Toad.

In closing I include a Native American poem written about the toad by Joseph Bruchac called "Birdsfoot's Grampa." The old man

must have stopped our car two dozen times to climb out and gather into his hands the small toads blinded by our lights and leaping, live drops of rain. The rain was falling a mist about his white hair and I kept saying You can't save them all accept it, get back in we've got places to go. But leathery hands full of wet brown life knee deep in summer roadside grass, he just smiled and said: "They have places to go too."

The Changing Nature of Glaciated Landscapes

The Mahoosuc Land Trust will conclude its 2014 speaker series with a presentation on "The Changing Nature of Glaciated Landscapes," a slide and discussion program by Bob Elliott about glacial features in the area, focused on the "Ancestral Androscoggin Esker." The program is from 7 to 8 p.m., Sept. 24, in the McLaughlin Science Center Auditorium at Gould Academy, Bethel. Come a little early to look at topographic maps of the esker and related features.

We'll begin with a brief overview of how the Ice Age glaciers worked and look at some local glacial features including "kames," "kettles" and "plunge-pit pot-holes." We'll then focus on the esker, the remarkable gravel ridge, locally called the "whale's back," which dots the landscape for over

70 miles from Aziscohos, through Lower Richardson Lake, the Ellis River valley, Milton, Woodstock and down Route 26 through Oxford, Poland and on into Gray and Cumberland.

Bob Elliott, a lifelong naturalist and environmental educator, grew up on the Ellis River in North Rumford and is a retired University of Maine Associate Extension Professor with an MS degree in teaching, geology and ecology.

Bob will also offer a field trip to explore these features in the local area. The field trip is on Sept. 27 as part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend and will leave from the home of Jeff Newsom and Saranne Taylor: from Route 26, take Middle Intervale Road for 3 miles. Turn left onto Winslow Road and drive 4 miles to the second house. The field trip will be limited to three cars because of parking limitations; carpooling will be arranged at the beginning of the trip. All participants are invited to a barbecue back at the Newsom home following the trip. Burgers, hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Bob is also preparing a "guidebook" to enable interested people to see area features on their own at any time.

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Tree IDing at SWOAM meeting

Tree Identification will be the subject of the Sept. 20 meeting of the Western Maine chapter of the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine at Merle's Ring's Tree Farm.

Ring, a state district forester and longtime SWOAM member, has 16 acres of forestland he has been managing for nearly three decades. He will lead the tour, identifying at least 16 different tree species and talking about

identifying features. Maine has about 72 native species of trees, he said, and depending on the location, a typical woodlot might have from 10 to 20 different tree species, each with its own unique needs for sunlight, soil, aspect and value.

Coffee and donuts are available at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting that is free and open to the public starts at 9.

To find the meeting site,

take the Gore Road located on Route 117 between Norway and Harrison. Travel a half mile and take a right on Bow Street. Follow this about a mile to the intersection of Ahonon Road on the left. Continue straight through the intersection onto a gravel road. Merle's driveway is about 300 feet down this road on the left. Look for the SWOAM sign and his Tree Farm sign.

Questions, call Merle at 743-5976 evenings.

SCORE workshop

Oxford Hills SCORE and the Oxford Hills Chamber of Commerce are pleased to present a free workshop on Accounting Basics and the Importance of Tracking Your Numbers. The program will be presented Tuesday Sept. 16, 2014 from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway.

This free workshop is for both new and existing Small Businesses wishing to strengthen their business by keeping good ac-

counting records and understanding the need for sound financial statements. Whether you are just starting your business or looking to improve your existing understanding of accounting and reporting, this workshop is the one for you!

Lance Bean, a well-known CPA in our community from Hoisington & Bean will be presenting this informative workshop which will include the following: types of bookkeep-

ing methods available (cash and accrual); tax reporting based on specific types of business entities (sole proprietor, LLC, LLP, S Corp, C Corp); IRS compliance and audits; statements of cash flow; and more. A light lunch will be provided. Veterans of the Armed Services are encouraged to attend this free workshop. Register by calling Rebecca Dowse, Oxford Hills SCORE at 207-743-0499 or dowse@roadrunner.com.

OCEA-R news

The Oxford County Educators Association-Retired met in June at the United Methodist Church in Rumford for the last time before the summer break. Our president, John Kimball was exploring the Grand Canyon and was unavailable to lead the meeting, so Rodney Abbott filled in. The main purpose of the meeting was to honor former educators who had passed away

during the previous year. Members of the Methodist Church provided a delicious dinner following the business meeting. We were entertained by the Belltones, who sang a medley of songs.

The September meeting will be held at Maurice's Restaurant on Sept. 19. Following the business meeting and lunch, we will go to the McLaughlin Gardens for our program. Sign-ins and socialization will begin at 10:30 a.m. The October meeting is scheduled to meet at the

South Paris Congregational Church. The usual sign-in time, 10:30 a.m., will be observed. After lunch the program will include a chance to hear from local candidates for office in the fall elections. This will give us the opportunity to express our views on educational issues and matters concerning the retirement system. The fundraiser for October will be our annual pie sale. The calendar raffle will also be distributed so we can raise even more money for our scholarship fund.

Anyone who has been involved in the process of education and who lives in Oxford County, remains interested in matters concerned with education, wants to keep informed about issues related to schools and the retirement system and enjoys the company of fellow educators is encouraged to attend our meetings.

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Sports

THS fall sports rosters

Football

Seniors: Andrew Mills (QB, LB); Chris Chappie (PB, NT); David Pilgram (T, DT); Ryan Vail (C DT); John Brooks (SE, S); Mike Daugherty (SB, CB); Noah Rose (TE, DE); Zach Wheeler (G, DT).

Juniors: Cameron Pike (RB, FS); Devin Merrill (SE, QB); Calvin Glover (SB, CB); Dakota Hutchins (DT, OT); Dylan Cherkis (DT, OT); Dakota Merrill (G, NT); Keith Crocket-Harrington (OT, DT); Jack Connell (TE, LB).

Sophomores: Elijah Mason (QB,S), Thomas Lutz (G, DT).

Freshmen: Brett Hastings (QB, CB); Aaron Vermette (RB, S); Austin Corriveau (FB, LB); Lukas McGetchin (FB, CB); Jordan McGetchin (SB, CB); Jarrett Bean (TE, DE); Shawn Mador (RB,CB); Matthew Morin (C,ILB); Caleb Merrill (G,DT); Chandler Dresser (OT,DT).

"I have eight seniors on the roster with lots of interest in the freshman, having 10 that came out for football this year. We are looking forward to improving as a team. The coaches are fostering a positive attitude with trying to return to the playoffs this year." - Coach Tim O'Connor

Boys' Soccer

Seniors: Nick Johnson (Defense); Liam Gallagher (Midfield); Mavrik Griffin (Midfield).

Juniors: Luke Angevine (Defense); Caleb Wilday (Offense).

Sophomores: Zack Stone (Offense); Willis Stevens (Defense); Haken Chartier (Offense); Alec Fowles (Midfield); Elijah Laird (Defense); Avry Griffin (Offense); Kellen True (Goalie).

Freshmen: John Doyle (Defense); Boston Ludden (Defense); Zack Hill (Defense).

"Although we have a small team, we are optimistic about the season. The guys have been training hard and are ready to play. They realize that substitutions are limited, so they have been putting in extra time on conditioning. The MVC is very competitive, but we feel that if we play our game we should make the playoffs. Team goals have been set high this season and I believe we can reach them. We have 3 great senior leaders and a large core group of talented sophomores. We are all looking forward to the season." - Coach John Eliot

Girls' Soccer

Seniors: Courtney Currier (Back); Sequiera Lavendar (Back); Lakota Monzo (Back); Skyelynn Patten (Midfield).

Juniors: Shannon Alanskas (Back); Jillian DeLallo (Back); Lexie-Ann Hart (Midfield); Tori Ryerson (Back); Ashley Savage (Forward).

Sophomores: Mallory Corriveau (Forward); Tehya Johnson (Goalkeeper); Anna Montagna (Midfield).

Freshmen: Kylee Martin (Forward); Destiny Hutchins (Midfield).

The girls have been showing promise during practices. Strong goalkeeping by Tehya Johnson and solid defense by a nucleus of experienced backs could keep opponent scores down. The mids and forwards are showing signs of good team play that should lead to some much needed scoring. - Coach Bob Remington

Golf

Juniors: Reggie Westleigh, Hunter Williamson.

Sophomore: Josh Eliot

Freshman: Russell Cushman

"The low numbers will hurt the Rebels this season. The team may need another season before they can contend with the stronger teams in the MVC. Reggie Westleigh and Hunter Williamson are third year players working to improve their game. Sophomore Josh Eliot shows potential for much improvement this season. Freshman Russell Cushman will be a positive addition to this team." - Coach Jim Lunney

Field Hockey

Seniors: Sadie Ellsworth (Forward); Katie Merrill (Halfback); Annie Cushman (Forward); Meg Glover (Keeper); Becca Miller (Fullback); Savannah Laird (Midfield).

Juniors: Octavia Morin (Forward); Hayley Peterson (Midfield); Olivia York (Midfield); Becca Howard (Forward); Savannah Vermette (Fullback); Blair Stevens (Keeper).

Sophomores: Wynter Morin (Halfback); Natasha Hart (Forward).

"We've worked on playing a different system up front this season and are also trying a change in defense. We were 6-8 last season and one of our goals is to improve our record this year. I'm hoping to see a much improved passing game." - Coach Gail Wight

Cross-country

Boys:

Senior: Greg Wheeler.

Junior: Christian Figaratto.

Freshmen: Blake Rothwell, Gaelan Boyle-Wight.

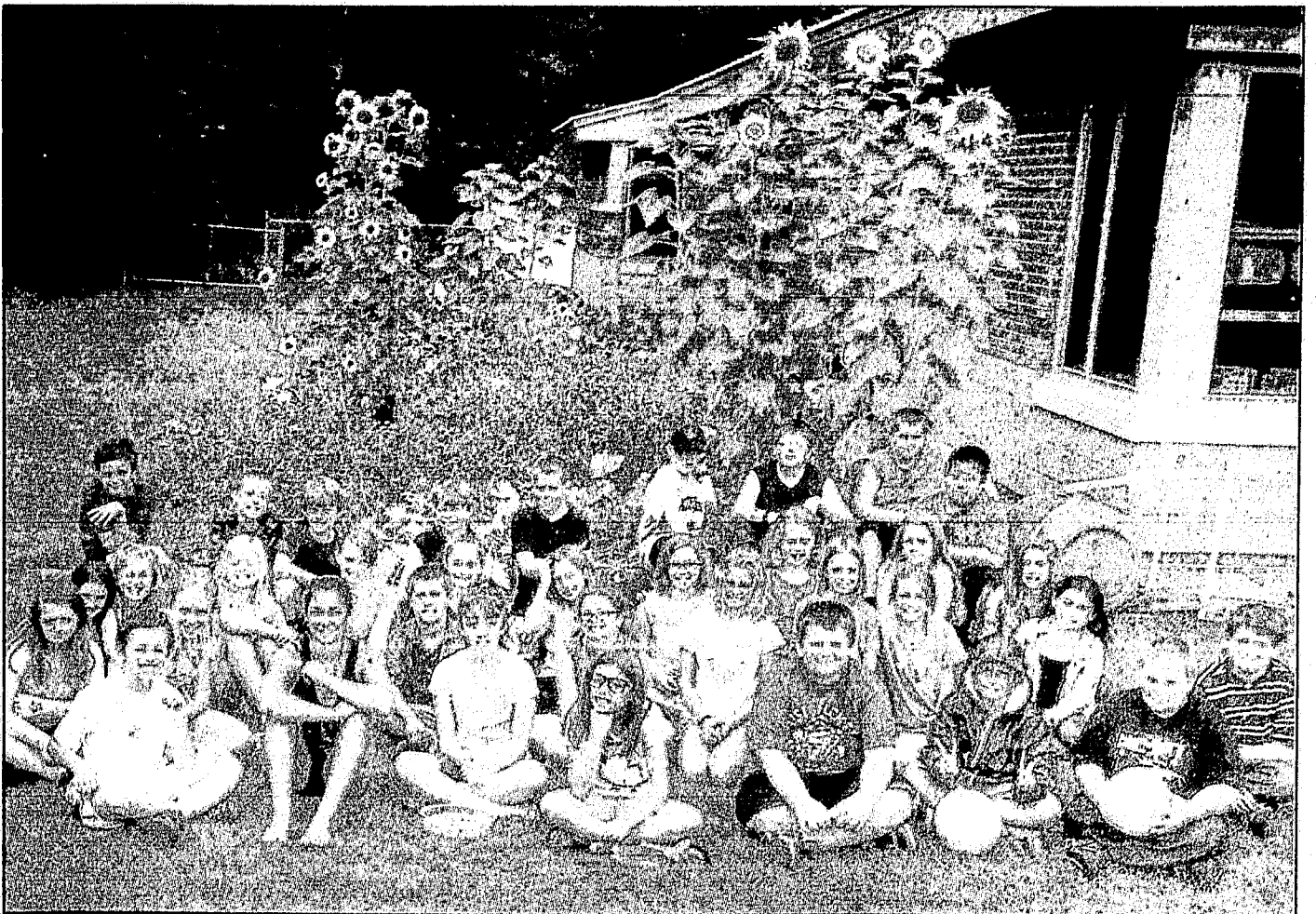
Girls:

Seniors: Gabi Stone, Annalise Hawthorne.

Juniors: Kaitlyn Brown, Carla Boyle-Wight.

Freshman: Marta Opie.

"Between the very hard-working and skilled upper-classmen and the talented freshman that have joined the team this year I expect some great races this season. They started the season with a win at the Bulldog Challenge last week, and have obtainable goals for throughout the season that I am excited to watch them accomplish." - Coach Willow Ochtera



CPS GARDEN BOUNTY-The entire 5th grade at CPS is pictured here in front of its vegetable garden. The garden was grown mostly from seed by last year's 4th and 5th grades. The students are currently harvesting cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, onions, leeks and carrots. The MKA summer program and after school program had a big part in helping with the garden maintenance and were able to eat peas, broccoli, and cucumbers for a large part of the summer. There were adult volunteers, some of them master gardeners, who came in weekly to help as well. The garden has been a community effort and many are benefitting from its harvest. Submitted photo

Sports



High School Varsity Field Hockey

Telstar 2, Hall-Dale 1; Sept. 3 - Octavia Morin scored the first goal of the season on a pass from Becca Howard and then later in the first half returned a pass for Becca to score her first goal of the season for a 2-0 score at halftime. Defensive passes and clears came from Olivia York, Katie Merrill and Wynter Morin. Meg Glover had 3 saves in the cage. Congrats on first win on home field to whole team. - Coach Gail Wight.

Telstar 2, St. Dom's 0; Sept. 8 - Telstar's Becca Howard and Octavia Morin scored and Meg Glover had 11 saves in goal in a win over St. Dom's. - Coach Gail Wight

High School JV Field Hockey

Hall-Dale 1, Telstar 0; Sept. 3 - The Telstar High School JV field hockey team started their season with a loss to Hall-Dale. Throughout the game the team worked on talking to each other and passing the ball. Excellent defensive support was given by Becca Miller, Jillian Thielbar, and Kelsey Hurlbert. Forward Kaylee Haas battled for the ball many times against Hall-Dale and the offense was very close to scoring many times. Goalies Blair Stevens and Leah Angevine had eight saves combined. - Coach Lori Davis

Telstar 0, St. Dom's 0; Sept. 8 - The THS JV field hockey team played St. Dom's in a 7 vs. 7 game and ended in a tie. Telstar goalies Blair Stevens and Leah Angevine made a combined 17 saves in goal to keep the game a tie. Ellis Coffin and Kirstie Haas were strong defensive players for the Rebels. Kaylee Haas had a break-away with five seconds left and almost made it down to the St. Dom's goalie but time ran out. Great teamwork and communication, Rebels! - Coach Lori Davis

High School Football

Oak Hill 47, Telstar 14; Sept. 6 - In their season opener the Rebels travelled to face the defending state champions, in the Oak Hill Raiders. After an encouraging stop on the first play, the Raiders offense swept to the right and scored on the second play from scrimmage. After a kickoff return fumble by the Rebels, Oak Hill took advantage and rushed for another score. After their slow start the Rebels would struggle to move the ball for the rest of the day. The Raiders depth and experience, combined with the sweltering heat and humidity made it a rough day all around for the Rebels, whose lone scores came on the special teams front, with kickoff returns from Calvin Glover and Devin Merrill. The Rebels will face Boothbay on Saturday. This game will be homecoming for the Rebels and the team would greatly appreciate local fans' patronage. - Zachary Wheeler

High School Golf

Dirigo 5 ½, Telstar 1 ½; Sept. 2 - Josh Eliot won his match 2 up shooting a 45 (low score for the Rebels) and freshman Russell Cushman tied his match against Dirigo's No. 1 player with the match going an extra three holes and remaining tied. Reggie Westleigh and Hunter Williamson rounded out the Rebel team. - Coach Jim Lunney

Oak Hill 7, Telstar 0; Sept. 5 - The Rebels lost three close matches to a good Oak Hill team. Reggie Westleigh was low man with a 51 for the Rebels. The team is 0-1 on the season. - Coach Jim Lunney

Telstar football makes gains

BY KALLE OAKES/
SUN MEDIA WIRE

Telstar's football seniors are the first class at the school to play four varsity seasons in 34 years.

The Rebels may or may not experience a winning autumn, or celebrate multiple Class D West playoff appearances. We'll know in eight weeks.

But there's something to be said in this up-and-down growth cycle of Maine high school football — when other schools elevated programs only to return to developmental status, or established cooperative teams with neighboring communities — for sticking it out and making it work.

"When it started it was very scattered. We were new. Nobody really knew how it felt to be on a team. Every year it seems like we learn more about how to be on a team," four-year starting lineman Ryan Vail said. "We worked out the kinks basically. Another thing is every year, we work harder. I've noticed that."

Telstar's gridiron supporters raised more than \$80,000 before resurrecting the varsity program, which had a brief, championship pedigree before folding in the early

1980s.

It existed for five years as a junior varsity outfit, going undefeated in 2010 before taking the plunge. What followed has been a baptism by fire, but one through which the Rebels can see steady progress.

"People may say about our program that I dragged my feet a little bit, but I wanted to make sure we were ready. We waited five years. We weren't ready," Telstar coach Tim O'Connor said. "Year one, we didn't win a game. Year two, we won an exhibition game and then we won one regular-season game. Year three, which was last year, we won two games and made the playoffs. So the program is growing."

The Rebels defeated Traip and Sacopee Valley in 2013 before losing at Winthrop/Monmouth in the regional quarterfinals.

Vail and tight end Noah Rose are the first Rebels to follow the path from the revived youth program in third grade all the way through to senior year. Guard Zach Wheeler and fullback Chris Chappie also have been mainstays since elementary school.

"The biggest thing is team. Bonding, being a team," Wheeler said.

"The first couple years, if we got down by two touchdowns, we were yelling at each other. It's steadily gotten better every year. This year we feel really good about that kind of stuff. There's no bickering on the field."

Even after realignment, Class D remains one of the most competitive divisions in the West, with Oak Hill, Lisbon, Winthrop/Monmouth, Dirigo and Old Orchard Beach all harboring title hopes.

Monmouth, Dirigo, Maranacook and Sacopee Valley all either restarted or launched programs in the Campbell Conference in the past 15 years.

After failing to win a game in its six seasons, including a pair of forfeits due to low numbers, Sacopee scaled back to a JV schedule this season. There were times when Telstar wondered if it made the right move.

"We thought we were ready the first year, but we weren't," Rose said. "Every year we've just gotten better and better. It's a lot different. It's a lot faster. Everyone's stronger. You've got to have your 'A' game every Saturday or Friday night."

Telstar's participation numbers remain steady at 22 to 26, second only to popular field hockey

among the school's fall sports.

"For any team, and I think for all the Class D schools, the challenge is the numbers," O'Connor said. "The key to any after-school program is getting kids involved and having them stay. We only have 245 kids."

Players say that the Rebels' offensive and defensive schemes have evolved with the level of opposition.

"Our whole program has changed," Chappie said. "The way we call plays is a lot smoother and faster."

In addition to scoring points and chasing wins on the field, the seniors are determined to set a tone that keeps the program viable for years down the road.

Eight freshmen are waiting in the wings. Behind that, O'Connor said that the fifth- and sixth-grade section of the feeder system looks exceptionally strong.

"Offseason is just as important as the regular season," Rose said. "If you don't work, you're not going to win, simple as that."

"We're not going to put a number of games in the paper that we say we want to win," O'Connor added, "but we know we've seen tangible progress."

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Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship (summer hours) 9:30 a.m., followed by brunch. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Elaine Carter 415-9136, or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek

Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). FMI: 836-2828. Visit us on our Facebook page.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

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Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

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First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service, Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

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Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

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Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Outdoor Market; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily, Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Road, Greenwood. Antique and yard sale finds, handmade crafts, plants, produce or whatever you have to bring to the table. Visitors and vendors welcome. No fee for vendors, but donations accepted to support a local nonprofit organization. FMI: 875-2089.

Autumn Splendor 2014 Quilt Shop Hop; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays from Sept. 23 through Oct. 5. At each participating quilt shop, hoppers will get their passports stamped and be entered in the grand drawing for gift certificates. FMI: <http://autumnsplendorshophop.weebly.com> or carol@threads4galore.com.

SeniorsPlus Program; 2 p.m., Valerie Cole, Elder Services Specialist II, will be the guest speaker at the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond. Valerie will be giving a presentation of the services available from the Seniors Plus Agency. Seniors Plus is the Aging and Disability Resource Center for Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties. There will be time for questions and answers. The program is open to the public at no charge and light refreshments will be served.

Telstar Homecoming Parade/Bonfire; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Main Street and Festival Plaza, Bethel.

Friday, Sept. 12

Pennacook Art Center Anniversary Reception; 5 to 7 p.m., Tech Center lobby, 60 Lowell Street, Rumford. Meet former and current artists and view their art. There will be music by Grace Packard. Light refreshments will be served.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Living Proof Live Simulcast with Beth Moore; 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot), Bethel. Tickets: \$15 (please reserve by Sept. 1). Registration: 357-2727 or bmsimulcast2014@gmail.com.

Gymkhana Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Barrel racing, pole bending, and other games. Riders of all ages and abilities will race against the clock to complete the patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Hike to Mt. Zircon; 10 a.m., Mt. Zircon trailhead, South Rumford Road, Rumford. Please wear sturdy shoes and be prepared with rain gear, sun and bug protection, water and snacks. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Topic: Fall management, preparing and medicating bees for winter. FMI: Kevin (farout@roadrunner.com).

BBQ Chicken Public Benefit Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Masonic building, 36 South Main Street, Bryant Pond. BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, dinner rolls, vanilla and chocolate pudding, coffee, tea and Crystal Lite iced tea. \$8/adults, \$5/children 10 and under. Reservations for parties of 8 or more: 312-9197. Takeout available. FMI: 744-9332 or 739-2268.

Woodstock Historical Society Meeting; 6 p.m., Woodstock Museum, North Main Street, Woodstock. Following the meeting, Wayne Howe will present a program, "Team Jeopardy." All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Pleasure/Equitation Horse Show; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Showmanship, in-hand, trail, and equitation classes. Riders of all ages and abilities will show their horsemanship skills through rail work and patterns. Free to spectators with stadium style bleachers, enclosed kiddie playground, and home cooked and fair style food for purchase. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com.

Middle Intervale Meeting House Society Annual Meeting; 1 p.m. at the Meeting House on Intervale Road.

Monday, Sept. 15

Free Genealogy Program; 1 to 2:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library, Emily Schroder of the Maine State Library will lead a program about using the marriage and death databases from the Maine State Archives, genealogy links from the Maine State Library website, and how to use Ancestry.com public library edition. FMI/Registration: 743-5309, ext. 1 or www.norway.lib.me.us.

West Paris Historical Society Meeting/Potluck; Supper at 6 p.m., a short business meeting at 7 p.m. and guest author, Annette Vance Dorey, who will talk about her books on early female physicians in Maine. FMI: 674-2507.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

"Accounting Basics/Importance of Tracking Your Numbers" SCORE Workshop; 12 to 1 p.m., Norway Town Office, 19 Danforth Street, Norway. Lance Bean, CPA will present a workshop on bookkeeping methods, tax reporting based on type of business entity, IRS compliance and audits and more. Light lunch will be provided. FMI: Rebecca Dowse (743-0499 or dowse@roadrunner.com).

Sept. 16 and 17

Wellness Retreat or Individual Sessions; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Practitioners include yoga, foot massage, spiritual counseling, body massage, healing sessions. FMI: 824-2073 or info@mahoosuc.com.

STOP the Bullying program; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Harper Conference Center, 193 Main Street, Norway. FMI/Registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 22

Quick Start Workshop Series; 6 p.m., Community Concepts conference room, 17 Market Square, South Paris. Instructed by Dana Hanley of Hanley & Associates, Lance Bean of Holsington & Bean PA and Steve Veazey, John Huffman and Charlie Peabody of Oxford Hills SCORE, workshops are designed to provide all of the essential information and material for starting a business. FMI/Registration: 739-6543 or mpurcell@community-concepts.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Norway Town Hall. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Cruise Night; 5:30 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Basket Weaving Demonstration; 6:30 p.m., West Paris Library. Julie Daye will give a demonstration on the weaving of her pine needle baskets (on display at the library during the month of September) as well as a history of pine needle weaving. FMI: 674-2004.

Friday, Sept. 19

Northeast Drift Boat Championship; 3 p.m. Designed as a spectator event, the competition will test oarsmen's skills at navigating a course and rowing speed. Each drift boat must carry at least one angler, who must remain standing throughout the timed race. The launch will be from Bethel Outdoor Adventures on Route 2 and the finish line is at Davis Park in Bethel - a distance of a quarter mile. FMI: <http://bethelinn.com/site/twoify>.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Bethel Harvestfest and Chowdah Cook-off; Bethel common. Chowdah cook-off and apple pie contest, free wagon rides noon to 3 p.m., chainsaw carving demo, kids' crafts and more. FMI/Contest entry: www.bethel-harvestfest.com.

Upper Andro Two-Fly Contest; 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teams may launch from public launch sites from the Shelburne Dam in New Hampshire to Rumford Center. A fly is defined as made from natural or synthetic materials tied to a single pointed hook. No tandems or treble hooks are allowed. Teams of three including two anglers and an oarsman must fish from a drift boat. All fish must be released live. The contest is limited to 20 teams. FMI: <http://bethelinn.com/site/twoify>.

Tree ID-ing SWOAM Meeting; 8:30 a.m. To find the meeting site, take the Gore Road located on Route 117 between Norway and Harrison. Travel a half mile and take a right on Bow Street. Follow this about a mile to the intersection of Ahonen Road on the left. Continue straight through the intersection onto a gravel road. Merle's driveway is about 300 feet down this road on the left. Look for the SWOAM sign and his Tree Farm sign. FMI: Call Merle at 743-5976 evenings.

Motor Madness/Downtown Dickerer Birthday Bash; Oxford Plains Speedway. 9 a.m. Flea Market and Car Show, 12 p.m., Chili/BBQ Challenge, 2 p.m. Motor Mayhem, 5 p.m. Meet and Greet with Tony, Codfish and Duke, 6 p.m. Party with music and fireworks. FMI: www.OxfordPlains.com.

Public Chicken Pie Supper; First sitting 4:30 to 5:15 p.m., second sitting, 5:15 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, Lower Main Street, South Paris. Sponsored by AMVETS Post 777. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 12 and under.

Public Supper; 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., West Bethel Union Church. \$8/adults, \$3/children under 12.

1st Annual Murder Mystery Benefit Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders, Andover. Proceeds to benefit Angel Flight Northeast. FMI: Audrey McKenzie (207-318-4442).

Sunday, Sept. 21

Bethel Area CROP Walk; Walk for hunger with the Bethel Area CROP Walk (Communities Respond to Overcome Poverty) at noon at the West Parish Congregational Church UCC on Park Street with a picnic potluck luncheon at 11:30. Walkers get pledges and walk 3 miles around the village of Bethel. 75% for Church World Service and 25% for Bethel Food Pantry. FMI: Jane Chandler (357-3524).

Finnish American Heritage Society Meeting; 2 p.m., Finnish-American Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a brief business meeting and coffee social, a program entitled "Finns on the Titanic" will be presented by Tamara Cohen.

Monday, Sept. 22

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Public Library. Representatives from SeniorsPlus, the Area Agency on Aging, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Woodstock Republican Committee Meeting; 6 p.m., 61 Rumford Avenue, Woodstock. Discussion will include the recent talk by Tucker Carlson, future speakers, Fryeburg Fair, and the upcoming elections. All Republicans registered in the Town of Woodstock are welcome. Please call 665-2049 if you plan to attend.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

Newry referendum vote on school withdrawal process; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Office.

Andover referendum vote on school withdrawal; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

MLT Talk: Changing Nature of Glaciated Landscapes; 7 to 8 p.m., McLaughlin Science Center Auditorium, Gould Academy, Bethel. Bob Elliott will present a slide and discussion program about glacial features in the area. FMI: 824-3806.

Thursday, Sept. 25

Adult Book Discussion; 6:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Book: Dracula by Bram Stoker. FMI: 743-5309.

Sept. 26, 27 and 28

GrassRoots Organizing Workshop; Bryant Pond 4-H Camp, Bryant Pond. A gathering of new and experienced organizers from Maine and northern New England to: learn from each other, understand the big picture of social change, build community and organizing skills, be more effective in doing social action, and become lifelong organizers for change. Workshops include media tactics, organizing in faith communities, canvassing, direct action, and Organizing 101. Cost: \$10-80 (sliding scale) for the 3 days includes fresh, local food and rustic but comfortable housing in a beautiful setting in western Maine. FMI/Registration: Larry Dansinger, Resources for Organizing and Social Change, (207) 525-7776, rosco@psoutha.net.

Friday, Sept. 26

Recovering Our Senses in the 21st Century; 7 to 9 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel. Philip Shepherd traces our culture's long journey toward disconnection and shows how its roots lie in our relationship with our bodies. He also provides some simple, practical steps for recovering the felt wholeness of your life and world. \$10 per person (Free to Radical Wholeness workshop participants). FMI: Janet Willie (824-3889 or janetwillie@yahoo.com).

Sept. 27 and 28

Radical Wholeness Workshop; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Therapeutic Massage,

18 High Street, Bethel. Workshop by Philip Shepherd on recovering the harmony of being through his techniques for reuniting conscious thinking with the deep-dwelling intelligence of the body. \$300 per person, limited to 16 people. FMI: Janet Willie (824-3889 or janetwillie@yahoo.com). Registration: www.philipshepherd.com.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Errol Heritage Day; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Errol, N.H. Come and be awed by World Champion Competitors in events like: the Axe Throw, Underhand Chop, Two Man Crosscut, Jack and Jill Crosscut, Bow Saw, Single Buck, Springboard, Open Chainsaw and Obstacle Pole Buck! The Commission is now looking for VENDORS and we need more SPONSORS. Anyone interested in being a Sponsor or Vendor for this event; or anyone interested in buying Raffle or 50/50 Tickets, please contact Kathleen Gingras (482-3370) or Deb Freedman (482-3884).

MLT Photo/Art/Writing Showing; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photos, stories and artwork celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Mahoosuc Land Trust will be on display at the MLT office. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Orange Trail Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Anita Altmaier (491-5808).

O2X Summit Challenge; Sunday River, Newry. All obstacles are natural and courses are built to US Forest Service guidelines because mud pits and monkey bars are no measure of the human spirit. A weekend-long "BaseCamp" will blend on-site camping, training-and-performance exhibits, environmental outreach and a farmer's market-inspired gathering of local fare. FMI: <http://www.o2x.com/>.

Oct. 4 and 5

Albany Association Annual Yard Sale; 9 a.m., the Town House, on the corner of Hunt's Corner Road and Vernon Street. FMI/donations: 824-2568.

Monday, Oct. 6

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. The following topics will be discussed in a round robin format: If I were President, here's how I would handle the Russian/Ukraine situation; and If I were President, here's what I would do about immigration. The last half hour will be given to other issues of choice. Moderator: Richard Balian. Light refreshments are provided. FMI: 583-6957.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Know the Ten Signs of Alzheimer's; 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church. Understand the difference between Alzheimer's and typical aging and why early detection is crucial. Presented by Mark Pechenik, Dir. Community Outreach for Maine Alzheimer's Association. Sponsored by To Your Health of WMSC. Public invited. Free admission. Light refreshments. FMI: Rosabelle Tiff (824-2053).

Saturday, Oct. 11

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library 6th Annual Celebration of Fall; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hanover's "little library" hosts live acoustic rock and folk music, a Book Sale, Yard Sale, Craft Corner, Bakery Sale, Snack Bar and Theme Basket Raffle. "Forest Reflections," a handmade quilt by the Library Busy Bees features Maine woodland creatures and will be raffled at 2 p.m. Tour the quaint one-room library, learn about its 100+ year long history and experience what has become the local hub of Hanover. Activities will take place under the new Hanover Picnic Pavilion next to the Library on Ferry Road/Route 2 (just 10 miles east of Bethel). FMI: HanoverMENews@gmail.com. Raffle tickets on sale now. All proceeds will benefit the Library, an independent non-profit organization.

Special Fun Show Fundraiser/Last Show of the Season; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. FMI: Audrey McKenzie (207-318-4442) or visit www.ellisriverriders.com.

Sunday, Oct. 12

Ellis River Riders Turkey Trot; Deertrees Arabians, Andover. \$5 participation fee, bring a food dish to share. FMI/RSVP: David and Carol Holtzman (392-1149).

Troy Murphy Golf Tournament; 9 a.m. shotgun start, the Bethel Inn Golf Course. 18-hole team scramble. Hole-in-one on a par 3 wins a free car, courtesy of Weir Motor. Registration: tmurphy.brownpapertickets.com. Proceeds to benefit U.S. Freestyle Ski Team member and Gould Academy alum Troy Murphy.

Thursday, Oct. 16

Adult Book Discussion; 6:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Book: The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson. FMI: 743-5309.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Versatility Play/Learn and Trail Challenge Fundraiser; 9 a.m., Ellis River Riders, Andover. Play and Learn, 9 a.m. to noon - Horse and Rider combos will have the opportunity to practice the potential obstacles for the challenge. Burger and hotdog lunch, noon to 1 p.m. Trail Challenge, 1 p.m. until finished. Cash prizes. In Hand, Youth Novice, Adult Novice, Youth, Adult, and Pro divisions. Advanced entries requested. See forms for exact rules. FMI: www.ellisriverriders.com or Dawn (show@ellisriverriders.com).

River Valley Rotary Oktoberfest Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. There will be a variety of crafters offering jewelry, homemade crafts, baked goods and a multitude of other merchandise. There will be a cookie walk and the Rotary Club will also have a book fair.

Sunday, Oct. 19

Trick or Treat Scavenger Hunt Ride; Ellis River Riders show grounds, Andover. FMI: Pam Tobin (capecodpam@gmail.com or 775-212-0075).

West Paris Pumpkin Run; 10 a.m., Agnes Gray School, 170 Main Street, West Paris. This event will include a 5k run, 1-mile walk and 1-mile kids' fun run. Following the run will be a chili and pumpkin pie contest! FMI/Registration: www.back40timing.com.

Oct. 24 and 25

Wilderness First Aid Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Instructor: Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. \$225 for commuters or \$265 with food and lodging. FMI: 824-2073 or info@mahoosuc.com.

Saturday, Oct. 25

Annual Newry Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Newry Grange Hall. FMI: 824-3123.

Oct. 24 through 26

Open Recert Wilderness First Aid Course; Mahoosuc Mountain Lodge. Instructor: Jon Tierney of Wilderness Medical Associates. \$325 for commuters or \$395 with food and lodging. FMI: 824-2073 or info@mahoosuc.com.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Adult Book Discussion; 6:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. Book: Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. FMI: 743-5309.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – THE BEACH SCENE

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What did the ocean say to the sand?

BLANKET
BOAT
CORAL
DOCK
FIN
KITE
LOTION
PAIL
SHELL
SHOVEL
SUNSCREEN
SURFBOARD
SWIMSUIT
TAFFY
TIDE
TOWEL
UMBRELLA
UNDERTOW
WATER
WIND

H T E K N A L B O W
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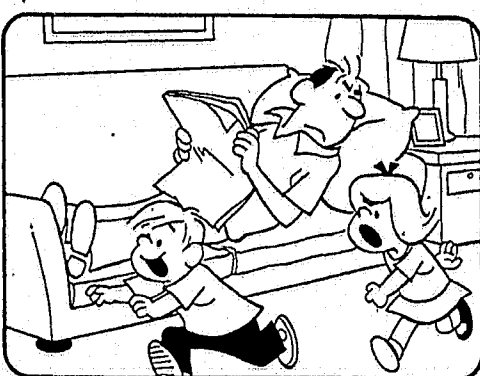
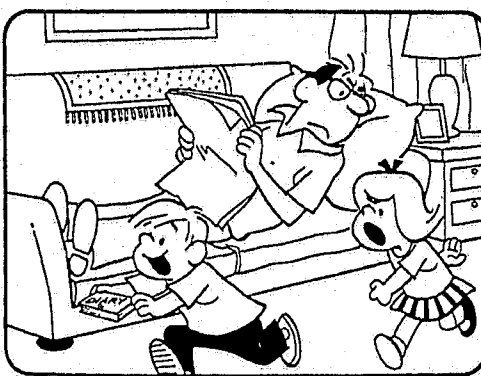
Riddle answer: _____ ?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

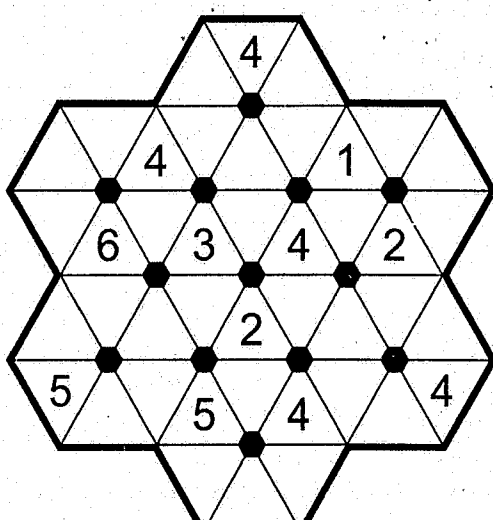


Differences:
1. Throw blanket is missing. 2. Diary is missing. 3. Eyeglasses are missing. 4. Lamp base is different. 5. Drawer is missing. 6. Skirt is different.

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SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

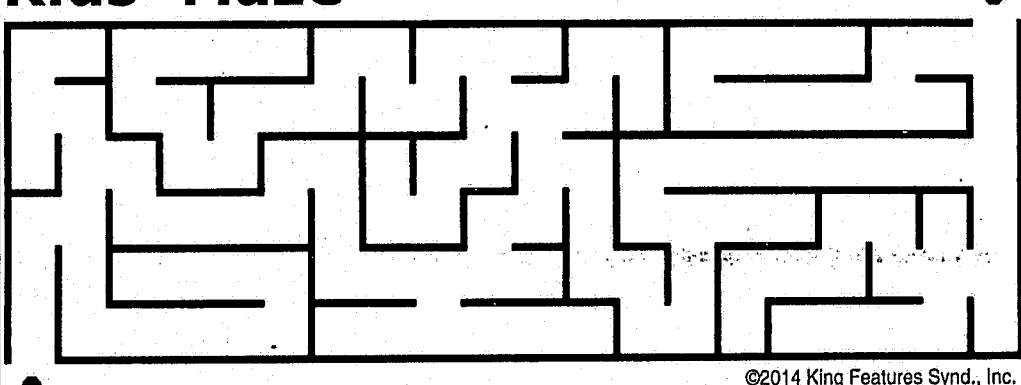
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



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Kids' Maze

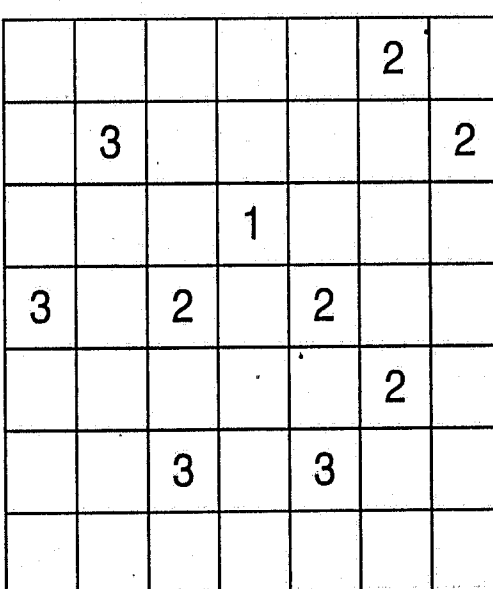


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★
★Easy ★★Moderate ★★★

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Super Crossword

CALENDAR
GIRL'S PLAYLIST

ACROSS
1 "— la Douce"
5 Neighbor of Namibia
11 "Futurama" genre
16 Tour vehicle
19 Eye drop
20 Luvs product
21 Turkic people
22 Transfer— (cell stuff)
23 1972 Chicago hit
26 Intent
27 Is — (has a penchant for)
28 Pop music's Bee —
29 Isn't correct
30 — Domingo
32 Mischievous little laugh
33 Soprano Sumac
35 1986 Bangles hit
37 "Take — face value"
39 Mohawk-sporting star
41 Hardy
42 Big ornate cabinet
43 1999 David Bowie single
48 Saw or heard
49 Suffix with proverb

50 "— favor" (Spanish "please")
51 — tide
53 Owns
54 Brick placer
57 Douglas Hofstadter's "—, Escher, Bach"
59 Bird on a baseball cap
63 Rank below brig. gen.
64 Imbibing site
66 1977 Johnny Cash song
71 Asian portion of Turkey
74 Scull propeller
75 Neolithic time
76 1960 Oscar-winning Melina Mercouri song
79 Cortés' gold
80 Rodeo lady
81 Sweaters with high, snug collars, for short
82 Ohio city
84 Cautious
86 — cone
89 ICU locale
91 J-N link
92 Rapper— Wayne
93 Pair

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103 Patriotic hymns
105 Round geom. shape
106 Stubbled digit
107 Adopt— (shelter program)
108 1967 Rolling Stones hit
111 Lazy sort
113 "— tu" (Verdi baritone aria)
114 Put icing on
115 Vocalist Vikki
116 "Wellaway!"
119 "Hardball" channel
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122 What there are songs for in this puzzle
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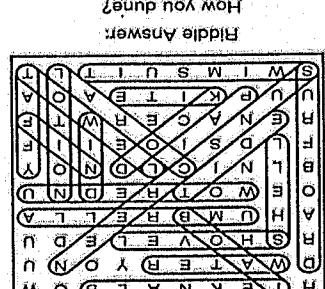
2 "One soweth, and another —"; John 4:37
3 Actor Walter
4 Stuck in —
5 Find the total
6 American Falls locale
7 Marvin of R&B music
8 Andy Taylor's kid
9 Fishy, e.g.
10 Prado pieces
11 Boat back
12 Italian resort island
13 Lake that feeds the Mississippi
14 Quite a way
15 Annoying
16 Wave around threateningly
17 Square inch, say
18 Siberian sled dogs
24 Singer Clark
25 Bury one's — the sand
31 Ever and —
34 Livy's 2,550
35 — jongs
36 Bride's title
38 Duo + one
40 Editor's catch
41 Secure by twisting

44 Saxophonist David
45 Scotch mixer
46 Novelist Uris
47 Has the guts
52 Cornet valve.
54 Thom — shoes
55 High-caliber
56 Bosnian, e.g.
57 Seussian spillover
58 — dog's life
60 Lysol target
61 Wool fat
62 With 100— Down, surprising revelations
65 Balm additive
67 — Noir (men's cologne)
68 Zoo pen
69 Bacterial culture base to a
70 Depend
72 Vietnamese festival
73 Request from
77 Lenin's land of water
78 Annual: Abbr.
83 Forget to use
85 Scatting Fitzgerald
86 Al Capone's nickname
87 Away from the city
88 Away from the city, maybe
90 Enterprise captain Jean-Luc
92 Stead
94 — ed (gym class)
95 Missives
96 Aussie avian
98 Initialism for a handyman
99 Al Capone, for one
100 See 126— Across or 62— Down
101 Hanging-basket plant
102 Airport kiosk printout
104 Leave the country?
109 GI orderer
110 Alternative to a
112 Fr. lady's title
116 Pro votes
117 Scottish body of water
118 Bushy '60s hairdo
120 Barter
123 Wine, in Nice
124 City in central Oklahoma
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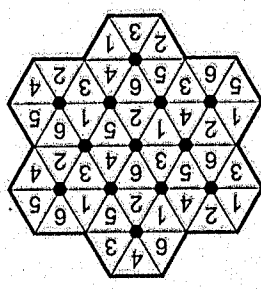


Kids' Maze Solution

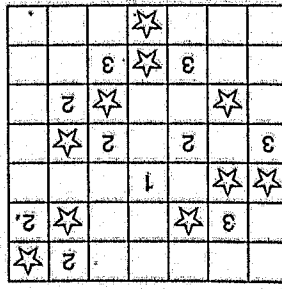
SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word:
3. Chasm; 4. Flautist
1. Perch; 2. Legend; solution



Puzzles4Kids



SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

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Bethel Historical Society to participate in 17th Annual Bethel Harvestfest

The Bethel Historical Society will participate in the 17th Annual Bethel Harvestfest on Saturday, Sept. 20, with a lecture marking the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, a book signing in connection with the recent publication of volumes on L.L. Bean and Ed Muskie and an open house for those interested in viewing the Society's newest exhibit of unique items on long-term loan from the Gould Academy Archives.

At 1:30 p.m., the public is invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act with an illustrated program by David Govatski of Jefferson, N.H. Retired from the U.S. Forest Service after a 30-year career as a Fire and Aviation Management Officer, For-

ester and Silviculturist, Govatski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Unity College and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Silviculture from the U.S. Forest Service. He worked on a National Interagency Incident Management Team with the U.S. Forest Service for eight years. Co-author with Christopher Johnson of Forests for the People: The Story of America's Eastern National Forests (2013), Govatski serves on the board of directors of WhiteMountainHistory.org and is the Secretary of the Weeks Act Centennial Coordinating Committee. He was employed by the AMC Hut System in 1967 and 1968, and is one of a dozen people to have red lined all the trails in the White

Mountains. Currently, he has a small forestry and natural resource consulting company and serves on the board of directors of several environmental organizations and is an active trip leader. During his presentation at BHS, Govatski will focus on Wilderness areas in the nearby White Mountain National Forest, including the 14,000-acre Caribou-Speckled Mountain Wilderness, which lies entirely in Maine. This free program will take place at the Dr. Moses Mason House (14 Broad Street), adjacent to the Bethel common.

Returning to Bethel following the successful launch of his recently published book, "Ed Muskie: Made in Maine, 1914-1960," Jim Witherell will be at the So-

ciet's Robinson House (10 Broad Street) from 10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. signing copies of his newest book plus his 2011 best-seller, "L.L. Bean - The Man and His Company: The Complete Story." Witherell's Muskie biography covers the life and career of Edmund "Ed" Muskie, from his childhood in Rumford, to his years as the governor of Maine. Born in a paper mill town in Maine's western mountains, Muskie was one of six children of a Polish immigrant and a Polish-American mother whose English was worse than her husband's. His arc through his formative years was singular and unpredictable, an American story that looks plausible only in hindsight. Witherell's earlier book

describes how L.L. Bean developed his famous boot and started the mail-order company that would change the sleepy town of Freeport, Maine, into a huge outdoor mall. The book begins with the Bean family, young Leon Leonwood Bean's love of the outdoors, his first forays into sales (soap, men's clothing), and then his development of the boot and the beginnings of an outdoors outfitting company that ran on a card file system and resisted change. The story of L.L. Bean, Inc.'s phenomenal growth under grandson Leon Gorman is replete with preppies, MBAs, infighting, and even parodies of a company that would eventually get its own zip code. Historian Jim Witherell resides in Lewis-

ton, and is a master Maine Guide and the creator of hiking maps for Acadia National Park and Baxter State Park. Also an avid cyclist, he is the author of "Bicycle History" (McGraw).

The Society's Robinson House will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 20. In addition to the Gould Academy exhibit, the Society will also have on view a display entitled "In the Field & On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War." Containing historic uniforms, flags and other Civil War artifacts, the 2013 Maine Civil War Trail exhibit has been held over due to its popularity. The Society's Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Robinson House, will also be open throughout the day.

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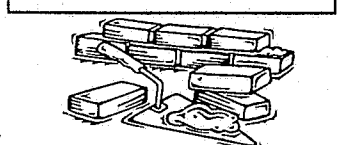
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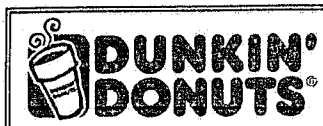
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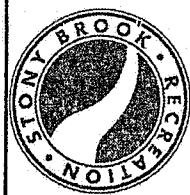
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The application and supporting documentation will be available for review at the Bureau of Air Quality (BAQ) DEP offices in Augusta, (207) 287-2437, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation will also be available at the municipal office in Bethel, Maine.

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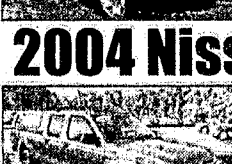
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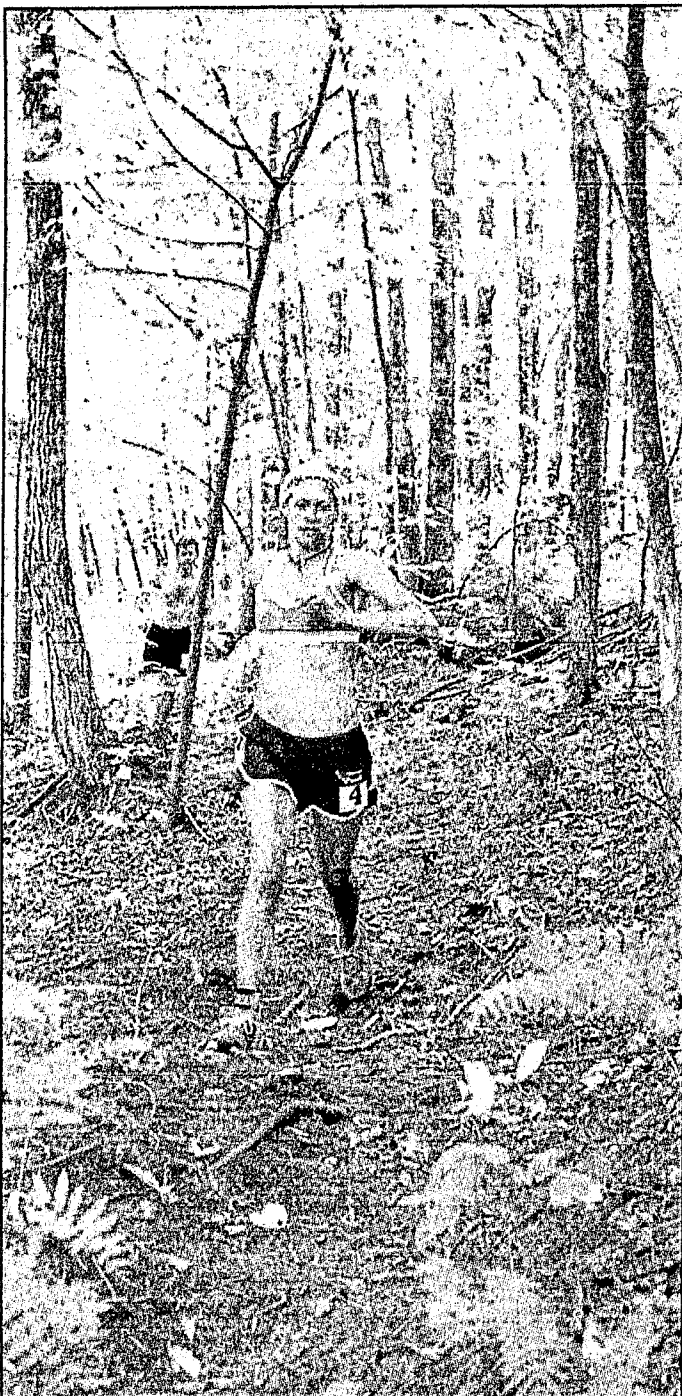
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West Paris Historical Society news

During the month of August we had our museum open on each Sunday from 1 to 4 and it was visited by many guests and appreciated by all. The Society would like to thank Carol Belski, Tanya Collette, Peter Collette and Ted and Betty Jones for their time manning the museum, and a special thank you to our curator Elaine Emery.

On Sept. 15 we will have our visual pot luck supper at 6 p.m., a short business meeting at 7 p.m. and our guest author, Annette Vance Dorey, who will talk about her books on early female physicians in Maine. This should be very interesting and appeal to most all people.

So make a dish, come early, enjoy supper. We always have a lot of laughs and enjoy the evening. FMI call Betty Jones at 674-2507.

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This thank you is long overdue, but still timely. Craig and I would like to thank all those who have sent cards, called, visited, and brought in food since he had his heart attack in May, my hip surgery to repair torn tendons and muscles, and Craig's recent gallbladder bout at CMMC. Thank you to so many of you who have sent your well wishes through Facebook. To those who have missed and asked about him at Crossroads and Mallard Mart, know that it is very much appreciated.

Things come in threes, so we feel this is our three and hope this is the end to the medical issues which started and ended our summer. Craig is still recovering and for those who have asked where I have been on my daily walks, I am hoping that I should be back out walking on the road once again very very soon as it was a very successful surgery. At least I think so. Also, I would be remiss if we didn't thank Keith and Batch for keeping Craig's business running smoothly, and thank our families for all their love, support, and the smiles they bring to us. We are blessed.

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Obituaries

JAMES R. DENORMANDIE

James R. DeNormandie, 66, of Norway passed away peacefully at his home on Thursday, Sept. 4. He was born in Boston, Mass. on Aug. 20, 1948, the son of Robert H. and Eleanor Hartel DeNormandie.

He graduated from Norwood High School in Norwood, Mass. in 1966, Northeastern University in Boston with a BS in Business Administration in 1973, where he was also a member of the Phi Beta Alpha fraternity, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a degree in English Literature in 1975 and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1977.

He started his employment at Lechmere Sales in Dedham, Mass. as a service manager in 1970 before moving to Norway in 1976, where he became a patrolman for the Town of Norway. He was named Chief of Police for the Town of Norway in 1979, a position he held until 1990. He was the owner of O. K. Clifford Co. in South Paris for many years, and was NASD licensed. Most recently he worked for Phasor Engineering Services as a field service technician. He was a member and past master of the Jefferson Lodge 100.

He taught skiing and was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, Level 2 certified. As a gun enthusiast he enjoyed shooting, hunting and was a member of the NRA. He loved tinkering, mowing his lawn, fishing, riding motorcycles and reading, especially about history. He had a wonderful and unique sense of humor and cared deeply for his family.

He is survived by his mother Eleanor; daughters, Jessica Clinton and her husband Ryan, Janelle DeNormandie; a stepdaughter Michele Roberts and her husband Tim; grandchildren, Spencer, Ramsey and Raelynn; step grandchildren, Abigail and Quinn; a brother Jon and his significant other Patti Truman; a nephew Jacob; and niece Jenifer and many extended family members. He was predeceased by his father, a brother Jay, and his wife Robyn. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery in Norwood, Mass. Family and friends may attend visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday evening at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of choice or to the James DeNormandie Memorial Fund: c/o Rainbow Federal Credit Union, 172 Pine Street, South Paris, ME 04281.

UM Late Start classes

Busy work schedules, family responsibilities, and fluctuating life situations can make it difficult for people to begin college classes at the start of the traditional fall semester. For those who couldn't begin classes in early September, University College at South Paris and Rumford/Mexico offers a variety of university online courses that begin in October.

University of Maine System campuses offer more than 20 "late start" online courses. These courses cover the same amount of material as the 14-week courses, offer the same number of credits and satisfy the same requirements for students working toward a degree or certificate.

Fall 2014 October course subjects include computer information systems, business, nursing, art, psychology, human services, education, information technology and more.

"Late-start courses work for people who need flexible scheduling, including many adults who can't enroll in classes before their children return to school in the fall," said Nikki Abbott, Director of University College at South Paris and Rumford/Mexico.

Registration for October courses is open and ongoing. For more information or to register, contact University College at South Paris 743-9322 and Rumford/Mexico 364-7882 or visit: www.lean.maine.edu/southparis or www.leanr.maine.edu/rumford-mexico

Engagements



Lavertu - Pilcher

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Lavertu of Berlin, N.H., are very pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Monica Lea, to Douglas Steven Pilcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Pilcher of Rumney, N.H.

Monica earned a Doctorate in Physical Therapy through Franklin Pierce University and is currently employed at Life Care Center of Acton in Acton, Mass. In addition, she serves as a 1LT with the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Doug is a veteran of the New Hampshire Army National Guard whose service included a tour in Kuwait/Iraq. He is an experienced welder currently employed in plant operations at Benevento Sand and Stone in Wilmington, Mass.

The couple plans to be united in marriage in May of 2015 at St. Anne's Catholic Church of Good Shepherd Parish in Berlin, N.H. and will make their home in Stoneham, Mass.

Landowner Appreciation Day

Volunteers sought for Landowner
Appreciation Cleanup Day

Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Day is September 13. The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry's Bureau of Forestry is coordinating the volunteer land cleanup effort this year. Forest Rangers working in cooperation with the Maine Snowmobile Association (MSA), ATV Maine, and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IFW), as well as other recreational groups, are preparing teams to clean up 50-60 illegal dump sites in Maine.

In other parts of the country, most undeveloped forest land is posted, and recreation is limited to those who pay club fees to use locations. Maine landowners have a history of sharing their forest and farm lands for responsible outdoor recreation. Millions of acres of working farms and forests are open to the public for enjoyment throughout the year. Unfortunately, the Maine privilege of enjoying access to private lands is threatened every time irresponsible people litter or illegally dump trash.

"Landowner Appreciation Cleanup Day is a way to thank property owners for allowing access to private lands for outdoor activities, recreation and enjoyment," said Governor Paul R. LePage. "Most Maine people understand that public access to private lands is a special privilege to be respected and cherished, not a right. I commend volunteers and landowners alike for promoting public access and awareness of the need to respect private property."

Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Commissioner Walt Whitcomb urged outdoor enthusiasts and organizations to support the effort by volunteering their time and energy. "Department staff and our partner organizations have worked hard to make this annual effort a success," he said. "It is also symbolic of efforts made throughout the year by people and individuals to help ensure future access to private lands by keeping them clear of trash and debris. The goal is to avoid the posting of 'no trespassing' signs and the installation of gates that block access."

The Forestry staff, in cooperation with other state agencies and outdoor recreational groups, has been working with landowners to identify specific dump locations and enter them into a database to track progress on site cleanup. It will supply trucks and trash bags for the cleanup effort, but needs volunteers to help load the items. Dump sites vary from a single piece of discarded furniture, a washing machine or discarded tires to several pickup-truck loads of shingles and mattresses. To make it easier for cleanup volunteers, dozens of maps have been created that show the exact dump site locations. Cleanup volunteers who live near an illegal dump site may have to spend only a half hour or less to help clean it up.

Locations around Maine: https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?hl=en&authuser=0&mid=zoiB_uAdliI_kt9_1dw1qAg

To volunteer for this project, please contact Jeff Currier at (207) 827-1800, or the Maine Forest Service at 1-800-750-9777.

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